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ALLIANCE MAPS NATIONWIDE DEMONSTRATIONS AGAINST ROOSEVELT'S SLASH OF WPA JOBS

FOOD SHIP RUNS BILBAO BLOCKADE

2nd British Vessel Arrives in Gijon With Supplies

PARIS, April 20.—The Spanish loyalist radio station at Barbas, in northeastern Spain, today broadcast a report that the British "food fleet" freighter Marie Llewellyn, commanded by David "Tolito" Jones, as the British navy calls him, had arrived at the Port of Gijon, in Asturias on the Bay of Biscay, with food for famished loyalists.

BILBAO, April 20.—Bilbao got food today in spite of the British cabinet—eight million pounds of it off the British freighter Seven Seas Spray—and more was reported on the way.

Captain W. H. Roberts reported a calm, uneventful trip through the Bay of Biscay and into Spanish territorial waters. He saw Loyalist warships and Basque armed trawlers and British destroyers, but not a single Spanish fascist vessel.

The safe arrival of the Seven Seas Spray this morning exploded the "effective blockade" story as a criminal hoax, deliberately engineered to aid the fascists by trying to starve Bilbao during a siege.

CITY CHEERED
A wave of cheer spread through the city by the arrival of the freighter and reports that other ships—including five docked at St. Jean de Luz, France—would be on their way soon.

The freighter sailed down the Bilbao River into the harbor under protection of Government ships and coast guns. Capt. Roberts said the only mine fields in evidence were those just off Bilbao, protecting the coastal batteries which guard the entrance to the port.

The Seven Seas Spray docked at Bilbao soon after the Spanish Government had issued a general order to its fleet to protect friendly shipping within its territorial waters. The Government issued its order in defiance of the international blockade begun at midnight under the guise of a "neutrality control" plan sponsored by the British-dominated Non-Intervention Committee.

ATTACK BY ITALIAN SUB
Citing instances of Spanish ships being torpedoed by Italian submarines, the Government ordered particular vigilance in those zones to which Nazi and Italian warships have been assigned.

The Ministry of Marine and Air emphasized that full protection will be given ships flying the Spanish flag and those of other countries which ask protection in Spanish waters.

The whole blockade set-up of the "non-intervention" committee was branded as "unjust and contrary to international law" by the Ministry. "German and Italian warships protect—when they are not doing themselves—the transportation of men and materials that their Governments send to be used against us," the Ministry stated. "They practice constant espionage, launch planes which bombard our coasts and, when they feel themselves safe, attack Loyalist boats, as is evident by the torpedoing of the cruiser Miguel de Cervantes by an Italian submarine."

Government leaders openly charged that the "non-intervention" plan is really intervention, and the implication of the Ministry's orders was that the Italian fascist and German Nazi fleets will not only try to interfere with Loyalist and friendly shipping but would actually serve to intensify the Hitler-Mussolini aggression against the Spanish Government and the Spanish people.

BILBAO IS OPEN
A. J. Pope, owner of the Seven Seas Spray, said in London:

"We've shown the report of a blockade is a myth. The way to Bilbao is open for shipping."

The vessel's cargo is valued at about \$150,000, and includes varied foodstuffs, olive oil and wine in addition to the corn and potatoes. Another British freighter, the Saratoga, with a cargo of food for Bilbao, applied to the Non-Intervention Committee commissioner at Bordeaux and obtained clearance for Spain.



GERMANS IN SPAIN MUTINY

Revolt in Vitoria When Ordered to Basque Front

BIARRITZ, France, April 20 (UP).—A Spanish Government official now in Bayonne, France, said today that a large German contingent had mutinied in Vitoria, Spain.

The Germans, it was reported, refused to go to the Basque front. They were surrounded by Fascist troops with revolvers and marched to prisons from which Spanish political prisoners were moved to other quarters to make room for them.

The same official said that as a result of Gen. Francisco Franco's decree dissolving the Reguete (Carlist Monarchists) as a party, the latter had demonstrated at San Sebastian, with the result that three leading fascists, including the chief of the Fascist Youth, had been arrested.

Inspector General Miguel Cabanellas went to San Sebastian from Burgos and immediately demanded three companies of regular infantry, which were sent to patrol the streets.

Million Students To Strike

Nationwide Walkouts For Peace Begin At 11 O'Clock

More than 1,000,000 students will walk out of schools and colleges at 11 o'clock tomorrow morning in a nation-wide strike against war and fascism.

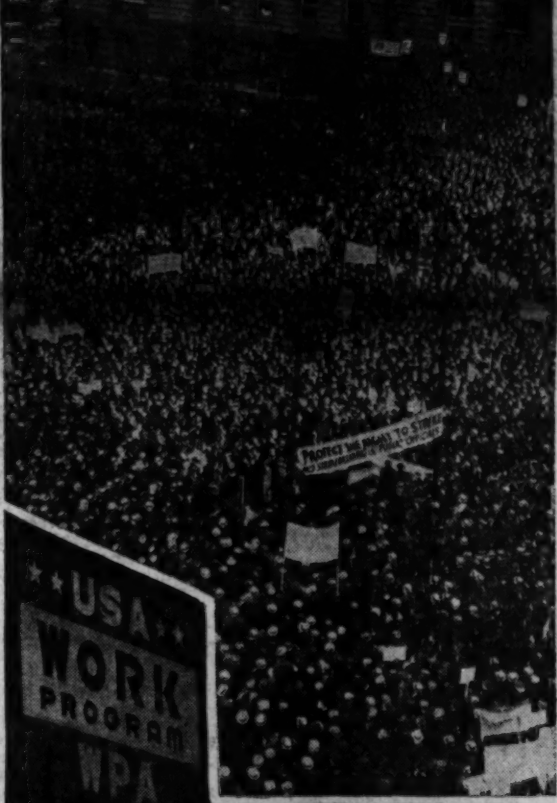
They will leave their classrooms to congregate in peace meetings, chapels, and parades to discuss and take the Oxford Pledge and to express their sympathy with the Spanish government in the central slogan of the strike—"Fast So That Spain May Eat."

Many of the peace strikes throughout the country have been sanctioned by college administrations, and in some cases the presidents, deans and faculties will participate in the strike.

"Because of the strength of the student peace movement and the realization of administrations that they cannot fight the anti-war strike," said Joseph Lash, executive secretary of the American Student Union which is one of the 11 progressive organizations sponsoring the strike, "they are taking a much more cooperative attitude. We are glad that this is so."

Harlan Mine Super Arrested For Perjury

WASHINGTON, April 20 (UP).—Ted Creech, mine superintendent of "Bloody" Harlan County, Ky., was arrested on a charge of perjury late today as he strolled from another startling session of the LaFollette Civil Liberties inquiry, and was released on \$2,000 bond. He will be arraigned tomorrow.



LABOR ON THE MARCH
New York Labor is shown (top) at last year's May Day demonstration in Union Square. Inset show Earl Browder (right), general secretary, and Wm. Z. Foster, chairman, of the Communist Party. Middle photo shows Detroit's great labor meeting on March 18 in defense of the right to strike. Jobless (bottom) demand WPA jobs.

Gov. Lehman Grants Albany Hearing on Four Berg Bills

Communist Party Urges United Protest Against Curb of Minority Parties

ALBANY, N. Y., April 20.—Gov. Herbert Lehman, acting under pressure of many progressive groups against the Berg bills designed to curb minority parties by calling a public hearing on the bill for Friday. Four bills of Senator Berg's six measures have passed the legislature and now await Gov. Lehman's signature. The Communist Party has called for large delegations, telegrams, letters and all effective forms of protest to be sent to the hearing Friday, and has urged unions, fraternal bodies and other organizations to participate.

Down Tools May First

DEMONSTRATE IN EVERY CITY AND TOWN!—For the organization of the unorganized!—To make every town a union town!—For a powerful, united trade union movement based on industrial unionism!—For progressive labor and social legislation!—For the adoption of Roosevelt's Supreme Court proposals!—TO AID SPANISH DEMOCRACY!—For united resistance to the forces of Fascism and war!—To rally support for the peace policy of the Soviet Union!—To support the demand: 'Keep America out of war by keeping war out of the world!—For a Socialist America!—DOWN TOOLS MAY FIRST!

To All Workers and Toiling Farmers, Negro and White, Men, Women and Youth:

(Statement of the Central Committee of the Communist Party, U.S.A.)

May Day this year finds the forces of labor and progressive humanity waging a mighty counter-offensive on a world scale against the four horsemen of decaying capitalism—hunger, exploitation, fascism and war.

The toiling people are valiantly upholding the best traditions of May First—the best traditions of advanced, militant American labor which gave labor's May Day to the world, back in 1886.

In the spirit of the Haymarket martyrs, who then gave their lives for labor's cause, and the millions of American workers, who more than fifty years ago undertook the fight for unionism, for the eight-hour day, for improved conditions, for democratic rights, the people of today are carrying on.

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Divine Offers To Surrender

Harlem Revivalist Is Charged with Assault

Father Divine, Negro head of Father Divine's Peace Mission, yesterday telephoned his attorney that he would surrender to police who sought him in connection with the beating of Harry Green, process-server, late Monday in one of Divine's Harlem Peace Missions.

Earlier yesterday, the New York police broadcast an eight-state alarm for the Negro evangelist ordering his arrest on sight for "felonious assault" of Green.

Green was allegedly pummeled and stabbed by Divine followers when he attempted to force his way into the Peace Mission at 20 W. 115th St., to serve papers on Father Divine. At Harlem Hospital where Green was taken, his condition was quoted as "very poor."

Admittedly the police have little or no details of the attack and no evidence that Divine participated in the fray resulting in Green's wounds. The summons which Green intended serving on the diminutive Negro revivalist disappeared after the altercation. Father Divine himself left the Peace Mission during or after the squabble.

A posse of 25 state troopers, deputy sheriffs and state conservation workers have joined in the search which has led up the Hudson Valley and to Kingston, N. Y., the scene of another of Divine's Peace Missions.

Labor Meets Employers And Perkins

Unions Will Oppose Any Attacks on Wagner Act

WASHINGTON, D.C., April 20.—Opening the conference of 30 heads of big business and representatives of labor Secretary of Labor Frances Perkins today declared that the object of the meeting was to work out a plan that would "minimize stoppages of work through misunderstanding."

The conference, it was expected, will serve to sound out sentiment on how the validated Wagner Act is to be applied.

Big business leaders will voice their demands for incorporation of labor unions, compulsory mediation and arbitration and for amendments to the Wagner Act to counterbalance benefits that were won for labor.

Both John L. Lewis, head of the CIO unions and William Green, president of the A. F. of L. who are present have already declared themselves as opposed to such proposals.

Among the business representatives are Harper Sibley, president of the U. S. Chamber of Commerce; Colby M. Chester, president of the National Association of Manufacturers and Walter C. Teagle, president of Standard Oil of New Jersey. The former two are expected to repeat their announced programs for legislation to "balance" the Wagner Act.

Score Edison Move on CIO

Recognition of A. F. L. Union Assailed by CIO Official

Julius Emspak, national secretary of the United Electrical and Radio Workers, a CIO affiliate, yesterday declared that the sudden recognition granted by the Consolidated Edison Co. to the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, an A. F. of L. group, is a move to halt the progress that the CIO union is making in organizing the workers of the billion-dollar utility.

The CIO union immediately dispatched a letter to the Consolidated Edison, pointing out the A. F. of L. has no members among its workers and charged that recognition under the circumstances was illegal under the Wagner Labor Relations Act. The letter requested sole recognition and that arrangement be made for a collective bargaining conference.

The so-called recognition was announced by Floyd L. Carlisle, chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Consolidated Edison, yesterday. Carlisle said that the company agreed to bargain collectively with Local 752 of the A. F. of L. group in answer to a communication of Daniel W. Tracy, president of the local.

Local 752, commonly known as the Utility Workers Union, is a fictitious organization now, it was pointed out at headquarters of the CIO union, as that local voted unanimously to join the U. E. and R. W. on March 19.

HOUSE BLOC FIGHTS CUT OF 400,000

Budget Message Places Arms Expenditure Above Relief

By Alan Max

WASHINGTON, April 20.—Less than three hours after President Roosevelt today told Congress to slash relief and sink almost a billion into "national defense," the Workers Alliance of America, organization of the unemployed, began a counter-attack on two fronts.

The administration named May 22 for nation-wide demonstrations of the unemployed who will bear the brunt of the administration's economy rampage.

At the same time, the Alliance dispatched its own "relief message" to Congress, in the form of an open letter to every Senator and Representative. The letter urged that the works program, instead of being cut, be expanded to 3,000,000 jobs at a 20 per cent wage increase, as provided in the Public Works and Relief Standard Bill (H.R. 8522).

While resolutions on Capitol Hill sought to clinch their victory by demanding that the President's \$1,500,000,000 relief estimate be trimmed still further, liberals took exactly the opposite approach.

24 BACK BOULEAU BILL
Twenty-four members of the House announced their support of the \$3,000,000,000 Works Bill introduced by Rep. Gerald Bouleau of Wisconsin and backed by the Alliance.

Pointing to the \$253,000,000 item for "national defense," Senator Gerald P. Nye of North Dakota, attacked the President's message as "demonstrating that we are ready to economize on anything and everything except the Army and the Navy."

"In the present case we are asked to practice economy on the needy people of the nation," he added.

Meanwhile, the full extent to which the President had given in to the conservative cry for economy became apparent this afternoon at a White House press conference.

NOT ALL FOR WPA
In reply to questions, the President revealed that not even the entire \$1,500,000,000 that he asked for "work relief" would actually go to the WPA.

He said that about \$75,000,000 would go to the Rural Resettlement Administration and that there would be other smaller items which he couldn't name off-hand.

If resettlement and other items totaled \$100,000,000 in all, it would leave \$1,400,000,000 for WPA for the

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Giants Win, 4-3; Yanks Lose, 3-2 In Openers

Under blue skies and a strong sun, the 1937 baseball season opened in New York yesterday with the Giants noting out the Brooklyn Dodgers, 4 to 2, out at Ebbets Field and the Washington Senators taking the measure of the Yankees at the Stadium, 3 to 2.

Opening day's scores were:

AMERICAN LEAGUE	
At Philadelphia:	091-521-000-1 18 2
Boston:	096-102-118-5 13 4
Philadelphia:	096-102-118-5 13 4
W. Farrell and R. Farrell:	Kelley, Ross, Pink and Hayes.
Detroit:	011-100-000-3 2 2
Cleveland:	110-200-002-4 8 3
Harmon, L. Brown and Pylak:	Auter and Cochran.
At New York:	100-001-010-3 10 2
Washington:	092-000-000-3 10 2
Westover and Hogan:	Gomez, Murphy and Dickey.
At St. Louis:	092-000-000-3 10 2
Chicago vs. St. Louis, postponed—rain.	
NATIONAL LEAGUE	
At Cincinnati:	000-000-000-3 2 2
St. Louis:	000-000-000-3 2 2
Cincinnati:	000-000-000-3 2 2
D. Dean and Ogradoski:	R. Davis and Lombard.
At Chicago:	100-001-000-3 2 1
Pittsburgh:	070-000-000-3 2 1
Blanton and Todd:	French, Bryant and O'Dea.
At Brooklyn:	000-102-001-4 8 1
New York:	000-000-000-3 2 1
Behunmacher and Mancuso:	Danning, Munro and Phelps.

Calling all Ports

By John Meldon

MAY DAY, above all other days, symbolizes the mighty united front movement of workers throughout the world—marching in unison against Fascism.

When one mentions the words "maritime workers" now-days, instinctively the word "unity" comes to mind. Unity on the Embargo—stretching in a powerful movement that reaches from Alaska to Southern California.

Unity along the Atlantic and Gulf—from Maine to Texas. Unity of the American maritime workers fighting valiantly in the heroic International Brigade at Madrid, Jarama and Guadalajara.

And in this year's May Day parade in New York City, maritime workers will march in their own International Column, crews from American, British, Italian, Spanish and vessels from all over the world. The word for "maritime worker" has become synonymous with the word UNITY!

WHAT'S THAT wailing sound coming out of 61 Whitehall St. and up to the 5th floor, the S. S. Hotel Plymouth? They say that Ivan Hunter has gone to his doctor with a buzzing sound in his ears. According to reliable reports, he told the doctor that he seems to hear the words: "Impartial elections, impartial elections."

It's a long while with no place to unload it. I gave him the idea he could unload it on me. I've learned from experience that many a seaman's personal problems were easily solved if you approached them from a class conscious viewpoint—in fact I solved my own to begin with.

"I just come off President Pierce. I go around world. Ship come to Italy. I go ashore look for my people—my mother and brothers. Fourteen years ago I leave Genoa to come to America. I join the seamen's union in New York. By and by I quit and work in restaurants," he stopped for a moment until a worker bought some literature and left. "I get married in New York. Things look alright. And I write my people in Italy, pretty soon money I bring them to America. Then comes what you call 'oppression' and I lose job. Money finished I catch a job on ship go round world."

"In Genoa I want to see my people. You no believe what I tell you how my people suffer. It's truth, I speak," he crossed himself religiously, when I shook my head too readily in agreement. But then, he didn't know that I had heard the same reports from many other seamen returning from Italy.

"I tell you my people hungry. No work. Money no. People can only buy two loaves bread a day. All the same 1917, I remember same thing."

"Yes—that's bad. I give my mother all my money. Not much but I give."

I didn't see anything funny at the sight of tears in the eyes of this Italian seaman. I tried to console him a bit—he interrupted—"You no understand. It's my heart. Six months I leave Genoa, but I think it's yesterday I see my people hungry, sick, frightened. Even me, my mother 'frail' to speak about, my brother. Every place people go to fascists spies and police."

"Your mother certainly should not have been afraid to confide in you—her own son," I pilled him.

"That's why I feel so bad in my heart," he answered sadly and then with a burst of Italian fire, "I want to join Communist Party. I want to square myself with my people."

Puzzled I asked him, "What do you mean 'square' yourself with your people?"

"You remember 1922. Mussolini he march on Rome with about five thousand fascists and King Emanuel he ran away and hide?"

"I read about it," I told him. "God forgive me," he mumbled in Italian. Then, tonelessly, "I am one of those five thousand."

ON THE Boston political front: At a meeting of the M.F.O.W. there recently, so my informant writes, an ex-Wobblite tried to disrupt the meeting by attacking a Negro seaman, calling him several names typical of the language of a Southern plantation owner.

"Immediately," wrote my friend, "a large number of white seamen were on their feet protesting the remarks and demanding a public apology. . . . One white seaman, however, well known for his militant actions on the Boston waterfront did not wait to argue but went into action and knocked the disrupter cold with one punch."

Gone With the Wind!

Hitler Dissolves All B'nai Brith Lodges in Reich

BERLIN, April 20.—Dissolution of the Jewish B'nai Brith lodge was decreed by Hitler today following a series of nation-wide raids on Jewish homes at which more than 100 officers of the organization were arrested by Nazi secret police.

The raids throughout the country came shortly after scores of simultaneous invasions of homes were carried out in Berlin yesterday.

Homes and lodge buildings were searched and all buildings and other property of the organization were confiscated by the Nazis.

Among those arrested in Berlin were Rabbi Leo Back, president of the Reich Representation of German Jews, and several heads of women's auxiliaries. They were taken to Gestapo headquarters by the uniformed Nazi thugs and put through severe grillings.

The B'nai Brith is a social and charitable organization, and is not classified as "Masonic," the term applied to all non-Catholic groups, including the Rotary Club, which the Nazis have moved to suppress.

Nazis Postpone Protestant Poll Until Autumn

BERLIN, April 20.—Elections through which Protestant church members hope to regain control of the church, now ruled by Nazi officials, will be postponed until autumn or later, it was disclosed today.

The elections were originally scheduled for April 4, but the Ministry for Church Affairs has kept putting them off.

"May I offer this incident as a . . . of dedication from the Embargo, to your column."

"Excuse please. You name Sa' dely," a short chunky fellow, very obviously a seaman, halted me in broken English. It was in the Maritime Bookshop on the Embargo.

"You mean Saunders? That's me," I answered readily. "You Sa' de's—what you call Communism?" he registered extreme caution in his tone.

"Sure. What on your mind?" I could tell he was pretty upset—like a fellow who had something on his

Negro ROTC Student Faces Jim Crowing

CCNY Student Ordered to Hampton Camp By War Dept

(Daily Worker Staff Bureau)

Winston Simms, Negro student in advanced Military Science at City College, will be sent to a Jim-crow Reserved Officers Training Camp near Hampton, Va., this summer if he is not expelled from City College.

The report stated that Major Schwinn, ranking officer at City College, attributed the discrimination against Simms to the official policy of the War Department in Washington. It was reported further that Major Schwinn cited the case of Milton Quander, Negro student who resigned from the R.O.T.C. at City College seven years ago because of similar discrimination.

Simms was informed by higher officers that he would be "unhappy" if he went to Plattburg with his white fellow-students and that it would be "for his own good" to go to the Jim-crow camp in Virginia. The Negro student was also told that if he was not willing to go to the Virginia camp his application would be rejected by the War Department.

Giving the usual excuse for segregating Negroes, one of the commanding officers at the College said:

"If he were a self-respecting colored man, he would not force himself on people who didn't want his company." The officer added that Simms was being shipped "to save embarrassment."

The Frederick Douglass Society, the Student Council, the Young Communist League and the American Student Union, all progressive campus organizations, have protested the Jim-crow order against Simms.

New 5-Point Farm Program Is Offered

Administration Plans Substitute for Outlawed AAA

WASHINGTON, April 20 (UP).—Administration farm officials have advised Congress that a five-point program embracing control features more stringent than the outlawed AAA are necessary if price parity and farm prosperity are to be achieved.

The outline of proposed agricultural policy was presented by AAA Administrator H. R. Tolley in testimony before a House Appropriations Subcommittee in connection with the agriculture appropriations bill for the 1938 fiscal year.

Tolley declared that farm income had not yet reached parity levels and that stronger legislation was needed. Tolley conceded that several parts of the proposed program were of doubtful constitutionality in view of the Supreme Court AAA decision.

PRESENTS PROGRAM

The program:

1. Loans to farmers on crops similar to the old crop loans by the Community Credit Corporation.

2. Adjustment of production through payment of subsidies to farmers on a percentage of acreage withdrawn from cultivation basis under control of the Secretary of Agriculture.

3. A production control program giving farmers an allotment and imposing heavy taxes above the quota allowed.

4. Continuation and expansion of present powers for the removal of farm surpluses.

5. Federal crop insurance. The Senate already has passed a bill for insurance of wheat.

NEED BIGGER INCOME

"In our minds, it is not at all sure that any of these acts—even the soil conservation and the domestic allotment acts—would be upheld by the Supreme Court if it came before it in the light of recent decision; in the light of the Hoosac Mill decision," Tolley said.

Secretary of Agriculture Henry A. Wallace told the committee that agriculture would continue as a national problem until the farmer's share of the national income increases from the present 11 per cent to 13 or 14 per cent—the average for the past 50 years.

"I would say that the ever-normal granary would be the first thing needed," Wallace testified, "with sufficient safeguards thrown around so that in case there is unusually favorable weather the farmers will not be penalized."

Provision should also be made for commodity loans, he said, "but with production control in the background so that the government will not be left holding the sack in such a way that the whole thing would be destroyed."

Commons Gets Budget For Arms Program

LONDON, April 20 (UP).—Neville Chamberlain, Chancellor of the Exchequer, presented a \$4,314,240,000 budget to the House of Commons today and informed the British taxpayer that he would have to pay 25 per cent of his earnings in income tax to help pay for Britain's \$7,500,000,000 five-year re-armament program.

THEY NEED AID OF FARM TENANCY BILL



With the Unions In New York City

Union Columns in May Day Parade to Voice Labor's Determination to Make New York a Union Town

The union columns in the United May Day Parade are going to resound with "wages up, hours down, make New York a union town."

Thousands of workers in the city are going to raise the slogan for a one hundred per cent union city. The organizing drive has been on for some time now and as May Day approaches, the strikes in the open shop centers in New York are growing.

According to the data just supplied by the State Department of Labor, in February there were 38 strikes in the Metropolitan area affecting 2,700 workers. Fourteen of these strikes were still on at the end of the month.

In March, 31 strikes were conducted, involving 4,000 workers, with 21 strikes still on when the month ended. No figures have been given for April, although strikes took a jump this month, as employers refused to grant collective bargaining rights to workers.

From now until May Day, we expect to see a big spurt in organizing in the city, and that drive will go on, in full swing after May Day.

And from now until May Day, we expect to receive hundreds of greetings from New York City unions and union members, demonstrating in the 500,000 May Day edition of the Daily Worker that this is the paper for all progressive unionists.

WHAT ABOUT BOOKS FOR THE MILLINERS?

Things We'd Like To Know: When Millinery Union, Local 24, is going to remedy the injustice against 100 women deprived of all membership rights for the past five years and give these women real union books. . . . When the Milk Wagon Drivers Union, Local 564, will accept the unity proposals of the Milk Drivers Union, Local 129, for one united local in the city.

Why, despite the Mayor's commission, there is no unity in the moving picture operators field. It's about time that Bason, president of Local 306, headed the wishes of the membership and joined hands with the Empire Motion Picture Operators Union.

YELLOW-DOG EXPERT—MR. BALLEISON

Queens has got its red-baiting ex-kansan Borough President George U. Harvey and Brooklyn has its L. L. Balleison, yellow dog contract advocate.

Harvey blusters and rages against unions, unable to stop the strike-wave hitting Queens, open shop sector of the city.

Balleison goes from shop to shop, on invitation of the employers, attempting to jam yellow-dog contracts down workers' throats in order to forestall unionization.

But the Queens and Brooklyn citizens' committee to aid in the organization of these two boroughs are giving warning in advance to both union-busters that they will brook no interference in the legitimate right of workers to organize into unions of their own choosing.

UNITY ON PICKET LINE—THE CAN STRIKE

Union Scenes: Out in Queens, A. F. of L. unions and a C.I.O. union have joined hands in a magnificent demonstration of unity. Joint headquarters and picketing are maintained by the Upholsterers Union, Local 76, the Furniture Workers Union, Local 16-B, and the Steel Workers Organizing Committee in conducting the strikes at the National Can Company and the Ideal Chair Company.

Blind workers, backing so-called charity organizations, picketing, collecting funds and staging demonstrations in support of sitdown strikes at the Community Craft Auxiliary and the Bourne Work-

shop of the New York Association for the Blind. These workers demand recognition of the Blind Workers Union and a \$15 minimum wage.

TEACHERS FIGHT BOARD ON THOLSEN CASE

Teachers Union, Local 5, is waging a campaign to have Erling Tholisen, classroom teacher, elected to the teachers' retirement board against all members of the Laundry Workers Union Local 280. . . . Still picketing after an 11 month strike, Kitty Kelly shoe salesman are determined to force reinstatement of all strikers recognition of the Retail Salesmen's Union, Local 1298 and union conditions. . . . Two unions fighting a lockout are the Milk Wagon Drivers Union, Local 564 and the Metal Polishers, Local 8. The 230 workers in the Hopwood Relining Co. plant in Manhattan were locked out when they refused to sign yellow dog contracts and give up membership in the two unions. . . . Also locked out are the workers of Tascarella Brothers in Brooklyn. These machinists were handed yellow dog contracts to sign when they demanded recognition of the International Association of Machinists, Lodge 1549.

BRITISH MINERS Vote to Strike; Meet April 30

LONDON, April 20 (UP).—After a two-hour meeting of the Coal Miners' Executive, Secretary Ebbys Edwards today announced that a nationwide ballot of miners showed an overwhelming majority in favor of a strike.

The vote was 444,456 for a strike to 61,445 opposed, Edwards announced.

The action was taken in support of the Harworth Colliery strikers in Nottinghamshire. The Secretary said that more than two-thirds of the miners in every district favored the strike.

Edwards said the Executive Committee proposed to call a conference in London of delegates from all coal fields on April 30 to consider handing in notices of action.

He said that in the Nottinghamshire coalfields 21,956 voted for the strike and 4,810 opposed it.

Senate Passes Bill For Pneumonia Control

ALBANY, April 20 (UP).—The Senate passed and sent to Governor Lehman today the Hawkins bill appropriating \$400,000 to advance a statewide pneumonia control program.

124 Deaths in N. Y. Industries During March

ALBANY, N. Y., April 20.—Seven women were among victims of fatal industrial accidents that took the lives of 124 persons in the state during March, according to a report compiled by the N. Y. State Department of Labor.

Thirty of the fatalities occurred in manufacturing industries, followed by 25 in the construction trades, with the remainder scattered in transportation and miscellaneous industries.

Speed-up in many instances was the cause of death.

New Farm Tenancy Bill Is Backed by Holiday Association

Measure Will Be Introduced into Congress by Congressman Boileau, Wisconsin Progressive—Asks \$500,000,000

WASHINGTON, April 20.—The Farmers Tenancy Bill, initiated by the National Farmers Holiday Association and supported by other agricultural groups, will soon be introduced into Congress by Rep. Gerald T. Boileau of Wisconsin. The measure, after three months of study and survey, with both Southern and Mid-western farmers participating, is probably the most comprehensive bill ever introduced on the direct question of tenancy.

However, as national officials of the Holiday Association have pointed out, it is no "cure-all" and merely serves as a definite springboard from which to really tackle the serious problem of tenancy. The bill asks as its main provision the appropriating of \$500,000,000 to carry out the program for the first year.

HARD BATTLE LOOMS

Since the House Committee on Agriculture recently rejected the Jones Bill calling for fifty million dollars, sponsors of the bill point out that a hard battle looms, once the measure appears on the floor. The Holiday Association is preparing a pamphlet on tenancy and on the bill, while other farm organizations are including the need of the measure in their educational programs.

Several prominent members of the Farmers Union, the Sharecroppers and other groups have endorsed the Farmers Tenancy Bill

and have pledged their support to its passage.

PROVISIONS OF THE BILL

The main provisions of the bill include:

1. \$500,000,000 to be voted by Congress to carry the program for the first year.

2. Farms to be bought or set up. These farms are to be sold to tenants or to farmers about to become tenants. Payments limited to 25 per cent of the crop. In years of crop failure the farmer need make no payment but will be credited with having made a payment equal to the average payment made in other years.

3. To prevent farmers, tenants and owners, who cannot be allotted farms the first year, from being evicted, loans will be made at 1 1/2 per cent interest.

4. To administer the program, a new, independent organization is to be set up, not under the Department of Agriculture or working through the county agents. All officers are to be democratically elected by the farmers.

5. Selection of families to be controlled by the farmers.

6. Cash farming to provide a decent income is to be the aid and not subsistence farms such as those the government has been experimenting with.

SHREWSBURY, Pa., April 19.—C. Mitchell Mitzel, chairman of the Farmers Union of Pennsylvania, today protested vigorously attempts to link farmers to the recent vigilante-led mob that attacked sitdown strikers at Hershey, Pa. and declared that his organization stands for cooperation between workers and farmers.

Speaking for the organization, he said that the Farmers Union welcomes the investigation ordered by Governor Earle. He declared:

"The Farmers Union here protests against the name of the farmers being used in connection with the vigilante mob-action perpetrated on the workers in the Hershey chocolate plant. We brand this murderous attack as company-inspired, organized by company stooges in order to spread terror among the workers and their friends."

"Three years ago the Hershey farmers picketed the highways and stopped milk trucks. They forced the Hershey Company to raise the price of milk more than 50 cents

per hundredweight. The farmers don't love Hershey. He is still getting the farmers' milk far below cost of production.

"Low paid workers are not good customers for farmers' products, neither are low paid farmers good customers for the products from the shop and mill. The Farmers Union stands for cooperation between the two groups in their struggle against the bankers and industrialists for more pay and better living conditions in both factories and farms."

"We heartily endorse Governor Earle in his attempt to investigate and punish the perpetrators of this hideous and un-American act."

Harlem Conference Tonight Will Mobilize for May Day

Preparations for a record-breaking contingent of Harlem organizations in the May Day parade will be launched tonight at a special conference of trade unions and progressive groups in Harlem.

Tonight's conference, which has been called by the United May Day Committee, will take place in the Harlem Labor Center, 312 W. 125th St., at 8 P.M.

Manning Johnson, organizer of the Cafeteria Workers Union, Local 302, and a member of the subcommittee in direct charge of the conference, stated yesterday that a number of unions had already signified their intention of participating in the conference.

Among these are: The Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters; Brotherhood of Dining Car Waiters, Local 370; Associated Workers on Public Relief Agencies; the Harlem Council of the Workers Alliance, representing ten locals; the WPA Teachers Union, Local 453, and others.

In addition to drafting plans for Harlem marchers in the May Day parade, the conference tonight is expected to issue a manifesto appealing to all "progressive Harlem organizations and leaders" for support of May Day activities.

The sub-committee of the United May Day Committee in charge of the conference includes: the Rev. A. Clayton Powell, pastor of Abyssinian Baptist Church; Frank Croswell, chairman of the Negro Labor Committee; A. Philip Randolph, president of the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters; and Manning Johnson.

F. D. R. Withdraws Farm Tenancy Bill Support in Congress

WASHINGTON, April 20 (UP).—President Roosevelt has withdrawn administration support of the Jones-Bankhead farm tenancy bill. Congressional leaders said today.

The bill would require first year appropriations of \$75,000,000 for rehabilitation loans to farmers and \$10,000,000 for purchase of submarginal lands. This latter phase it was reported, was acceptable to the President.

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LOUIS BARALE, Phila. Italian Progressive Is Killed in Spain

PHILADELPHIA, April 20 (FP).—The first Philadelphia known to have been killed fighting with the Lincoln Battalion in Spain is Louis Barale, 42-year-old World War veteran and founder of the Italian Workmen's Progressive Institute.

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24 Labor Rallies Back President's High Court Plan

Major Berry Tells Audiences at Many Meetings, Labor Has Powerful Ally in Farm Organizations

WASHINGTON, April 20.—Labor's whole-hearted support of the proposals to reform the federal judiciary was voiced last night in simultaneous mass meetings in 24 cities. Reports reaching Labor's Non-Partisan League, sponsor of the meetings, today told of enthusiastic gatherings. Speakers urged labor to protect the gains made under the Wagner Act and to forestall voting of that measure and other progressive acts by keeping the hands of Big Business off the Supreme Court.

Over a nation-wide radio network, Major George L. Berry, president of the league; Attorney General Homer S. Cummings; and Mrs. J. Borden Harriman, newly-appointed U. S. Minister to Sweden, addressed the meetings. Their speeches were carried into the meeting halls by loud speakers, between 10:30 and 11 P.M., bringing to a close the programs featuring local labor and farm leaders.

"Organized labor, though divided temporarily on some issues, stands united in this one great drive to clear the way for liberal and enlightened legislation that will put firmly and irrevocably into the hands of the people the intended benefits of the New Deal," Major Berry told the rallies.

ALLY IN FARMERS

"In this determination," he continued, "we have a great and powerful ally, the liberal-minded farm organizations, which have the same determination that labor has—not to go back to the old paths which brought the nation to the brink of disaster."

Berry stressed the importance of continuing the fight for the judiciary proposals.

Cummings also outlined the reasons for carrying on the court battle, despite the ruling on the Wagner Act.

"The enlightened judgment which has given us these recent decisions by the narrowest of margins may be eclipsed tomorrow by a return to abstract theories and mistaken assumptions," Cummings said.

Earle Urges Action Soon On Court Plan

Calls Tribunal Itself Greatest Threat to Constitution

(Daily Worker Pittsburgh Bureau)

PITTSBURGH, Pa., April 19.—Governor George H. Earle of Pennsylvania called for "action and the sooner the better" to put through President Roosevelt's court reform proposals at a meeting here tonight under the joint auspices of Labor's Non-Partisan League and the Pittsburgh Central Labor Union.

Declaring that the "greatest threat to the constitution is the Supreme Court itself," Earle denied that the decision on the Wagner Act has done away with the urgent need for changing the character of the Court.

He asserted that President Roosevelt had selected the mildest means possible to meet the problem, and said that Congress had the constitutional power "to strip the Supreme Court of its usurped power."

In his opening address, Pat Pagan, veteran mine leader and chairman of Labor's Non-Partisan League in the State called on the audience when it left the Labor's Non-Partisan League hall to flood Congressmen and Senators with demands that they support the Supreme Court changes.

Referring to the judicial somersaults of Justice Roberts, he said: "The margin is too small. The justice from Pennsylvania may change his mind again."

A Famous Negro's Son in the Soviet Union



Map Nationwide Fight Against Relief Slash

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coming year in contrast to the \$2,080,000,000 for the present year. The reduction would definitely mean throwing about 400,000 workers off the WPA rolls.

OPPOSES HOUSING BILL
At the same time, the president practically rang down the curtain on White House support for the farm tenant program and the Wagner Housing Bill, which he had previously encouraged.

He said that the problem now was to figure out how to do something for farm tenancy and housing within "the present budget." In line with this shift in policy, House leaders were reported this morning as maneuvering to prevent a vote on the \$50,000,000 farm-tenant appropriation which had been approved only a few days ago in an emasculated form by the House Agriculture Committee.

David Lasser, national president of the Workers Alliance, at a press conference this afternoon, at which he announced the May 22 demonstrations, called the president's budget message "a great step backward on his part."

ASSAULTS MEASURE
Lasser said that if he had not seen the President's signature on the message, he might have thought that it originated with the United States Chamber of Commerce or Republican Senator Vandenberg of Michigan.

He pointed out that the budget would not only mean a sharp reduction in WPA rolls at a time when the rolls should be increased, but that it would also mean "freezing" WPA wages at the present low level, with the WPA workers facing increased suffering because of the rising cost of living.

Lasser took particular exception to that part of the message in which the president scored "the many special groups who exert the strongest pressure to bring about increases in government expenditures."

The Alliance head said it was especially to be regretted that the president had "singled out for attack groups of citizens who" proposed legislation for the betterment of that one-third of the nation which the president himself had characterized as being "ill-housed, ill-clothed and ill-nourished."

LETTER TO CONGRESS
In its letter to Congress, the Alliance asked the repudiation of those "who would plunge this nation into a new crisis by trying to solve unemployment through starvation of the unemployed and their dependents."

Expressing the "concern and resentment" of the unemployed in the prospect of a reduction in relief expenditures because of the reduction in Federal income, the open letter listed seven salient facts of the relief situation, stressing the growing poverty of the unemployed because of the rising cost of living and reduced relief expenditures.

The letter asked Congress to "face this increasingly critical situation realistically" and declared that those who would "meet Federal and state deficits at the expense of the unemployed are trifling with the most elementary instincts of human nature, the determination of human beings to protect their families against hunger and want."

Declaring that private industry had failed to voluntarily absorb the unemployed and that ten million workers still remain jobless, the Alliance letter stated "Congress cannot close its eyes to this; nor can it legislate out of existence the needs of forty million men, women and children for decent food, clothing, shelter and the other necessities of a civilized existence."

MUST PROVIDE FOR NEEDY
"Congress must, for the preservation of the lives and liberties of our citizens," the letter continued, "provide for the satisfaction of these needs, either by legislation to make possible jobs for the unemployed in private industry, or by taxing the owners of our industrial and financial assets to provide government jobs and relief."

The possibility of an understanding between the congressional group supporting the Alliance bill and the group of congressmen which has asked for \$2,400,000,000 for three million WPA jobs, was also indicated in the Alliance letter.

A number of members of this group, the letter declared, have signified their intention to work for an increase in WPA wages as requested by the Workers Alliance. "The aims of this group, however," the letter continues, "can be accomplished only by a sufficiently large appropriation."

The Alliance also announced that the following Representatives have indicated they will support the Alliance bill: Gerald Boleau, Wis.; Sam Massingale, Okla.; James F. O'Connor, Mont.; Paul V. Kvale, Minn.; Gardner Whitlow, Wis.; Bernard J. Gehrman, Wis.; Warren Magnuson, Wash.; Jerry O'Connell, Minn.; Fred H. Hildebrandt, So. Dak.; John Bernard, Minn.; Byron N. Scott, Cal.; Ed Isac, Calif.; Frank W. Fries, Ill.; Thomas R. Amle, Wis.; Matthew A. Dunn, Pa.; Frank R. Havener, Calif.; John M. Coffee, Wash.; Usher L. Burdick, No. Dak.; Knute Hill, Wash.; Henry C. Teigen, Minn.; J. Buel Snyder, Pa.; William Lemke, No. Dak.; Caroline O'Day, N. Y.; and Dewey Johnson, Minn.

Foster, Browder to Greet YCL Convention on May 2 At Madison Sq. Garden

Daily attired in gleaming white shirts, red ties, and red trimmed caps, the Young Communist League contingent, over 5,000 strong will demonstrate the desires and hopes of the young generation, when they swing past New York's millions in the giant May Day Parade.

A streamer a full block long, bearing the words, "welcome Delegates Eighth National Conventions Young Communist League, May 2, Madison Square Garden," will be carried by the youthful marchers to advertise the four day sessions of youth opening in New York City's largest indoor stadium, Sunday, 7:30 P.M., May 2.

Included in the numerous floats and displays will be scores of young roller skaters and bicycle riders who will graphically depict the sports program of the Young Communist League. The skaters and cyclists will be supplemented by teams made up of baseball, basketball, soccer and handball players, all marching in uniform.

COLORFUL SESSION
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Fordham Shuns Nazi Goettingen University Fete

NYU Has Received No Invitation to 'Festival'—Mann's Denunciation Followed by Sharp Statement from Leading Educators

Fordham University, leading Eastern Catholic institution, will not send a delegate to the 200th anniversary celebration of Goettingen University in Germany, it was learned from reliable sources yesterday.

Whether the coldness of Fordham officials towards the festival, scheduled for June 25 to 30, is due to Nazi persecution of Catholics was not indicated.

Pointing out that Fordham has as yet not received an invitation, a Fordham administrative officer told the Daily Worker yesterday that he believed there was no disposition on the part of university executives to send a delegate. No Fordham delegate was sent to last year's much-discussed Heidelberg University anniversary, which was converted by Nazi leaders into a pro-Hitler demonstration.

New York University has not received any invitation either, Harold Voorhis, university secretary, said. "I don't know whether we're on the list or whether we haven't been sent one because we didn't send a delegate to Heidelberg last year," he added.

A sharp statement denouncing persecution of liberals and leading educators by the Nazis was issued yesterday by the American Student Union. Officers of the union called upon American universities to reject the invitation as a protest against the Nazi regime.

Yesterday's statements follow declarations against the Goettingen celebration by Thomas Mann, distinguished German writer expelled by the Nazi government, Dean Morton Gottschall of the College of the City of New York and other educators. All the statements pointed out that the sending of delegations could be construed only as public support of the Nazi regime.

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JAN WITTENBERG, State Sec'y—Chicago ILL. speaks on Spain and the Role of the ILL in Spain. Greenwich Village Branch A.C.A. Gallery, 53 W. 8th St. 8:30 P.M.

LECTURE—"Living in the Soviet Union," by R. Magidoff, noted writer. Proceeds to Spain. Concert League, 84 Seventh Ave., near 54th St. Aup.: Concert League. 8:15 P.M.

MID-WEEK DANCE. Social, every Wednesday evening. Studios 232-234, 115 W. 88th St. Delightful music. Aup.: Midweek Dance-Social. 8:30 P.M.

MASS MEETING. Washington Ave., near Tremont. Wednesday, April 21, 7:30 P.M. Aup.: 25c. Aup.: North American Committee to Aid Spanish Democracy, Bronx Division. Speakers: Bishop McConville, Vito Marcantonio, Joe Gibernau, Prof. Fernandez.

DR. REIM, M.D., lectures on "Social Hygiene" (Syphilis). Health Seekers Club, 214 Riverside Drive. 94th St. 8 P.M. Free admission.

SPAIN-LECTURE BY DR. G. M. MARTINEZ, who studied for priesthood in Spain. Aup.: Friends of Lincoln Brigade at Greenpoint, 338 E. 13th St., 1st floor. Admission free. 8:30 P.M.

Coming
SPRINT TIME IN HARLEM. Dance and Entertainment Friday, April 23. Renaissance Casino, 138th St. and Seventh Ave. Vernon Andrews Orch. Tickets 50c. Aup.: Harlem Professional Guild. 8:30 P.M.

MUSICAL EVENT of the Season. Benefit Spanish Children's Milk Fund. Concert, Toscha Selts, soloist, with Modern Symphony Orchestra of 100. Aup.: United Youth Committee to Aid Spanish Music Alliance. Tickets 40c, 60c, 80c, \$1, \$1.50, \$3 at the Workers Bookshop. Chit Bookshop, Gray, April 23, 8:30 P.M.

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Statement of the Central Committee, Communist Party

DOWN TOOLS ON MAY FIRST!

For United Resistance to the Forces of Fascism and War

(Continued from Page 1)

The heroic Spanish people are in the front line trenches, fighting against barbarous Fascism, waging war to the death against the armed invasion of their country by Hitler and Mussolini.

American labor too is on the march, storming the strongholds of the open shop, transforming one plant after another into trade union fortresses in the nation's basic industries.

In France, in Mexico, in Germany, in China—everywhere labor is uniting its ranks, everywhere it is surging forward making new gains.

In the Soviet Union, the workers and peasants approach the twentieth anniversary of their victorious revolution showing gigantic and unprecedented gains in industry and agriculture, a strengthening of the nation's defenses against fascist attack, and a wide extension of democracy under the new Soviet Constitution.

Our hearts—the hearts of every worker and progressive—glow with pride at the victories scored by the Spanish people's army. Their cause is the cause of all progressive humanity. Their victories are our victories; they are mighty blows for peace, progress and democracy throughout the world.

We are enthused by the achievements of the C.I.O. in the United States, by the advance of labor on every front, by the people's heroism in meeting and repelling the reactionary and fascist forces. For the fascist Spain is a testing ground for their war machines. They intend to make war against all democratic nations—against France, Czechoslovakia, the United States, and, above all, against the country of proletarian democracy, the Soviet Union.

A defeat for the fascists in Spain—for Hitler, Mussolini, Franco—would be a decisive blow against their war plans everywhere. It would be a great contribution to world peace.

A victory for the democratic, anti-Fascist Spanish people will encourage and inspire all peoples oppressed by fascist rule. It will arouse the German and Italian people to even greater heroism in their long and ceaseless fight for freedom and progress. It will spur them on to victorious struggles and final victory over the fascist despots, Hitler and Mussolini.

The victory of the Spanish people will fire us—the American workers and anti-fascists—with new enthusiasm and new determination. It will further the united front for the defense of democracy against the fascist program of the Hearsts and Liberty Leaguers. It will stimulate the growth of trade unions, the winning of improved conditions, the advance of collective bargaining.

The defense of Spanish democracy is a world task—the duty and responsibility of every worker, of all who cherish the spirit of democracy.

Let us re-echo throughout America on May Day the slogan of the heroic defenders of Madrid: "They shall not pass!"

Let us aid the Spanish people in their aim to make Madrid the tomb of Fascism.

Let us insist that the American government end its infamous embargo against the democratic and friendly government of Spain.

Let us pay tribute to those courageous fighters, including our own American brothers, who have given and are giving their lives that democracy may live, that fascist tyranny may be defeated. Let our marching columns, millions strong, strike fear into the hearts of the Hitlers, Mussolinis, Francos and Hearsts on May Day.

Let it be the beginning of the victorious march of the people toward peace, prosperity and freedom.

The Spanish people are demonstrating the power of the working class united front. They are showing what can be accomplished when Communists, Socialists, trade unionists join in united action. They are demonstrating the power of a people's front, which unites workers, toiling farmers, middle class intellectuals and small business people against fascist reaction.

Through the unity of the broad masses of the people comes the power to defeat fascism—that is the lesson of Spain! That lesson is being learned and applied throughout the world. In France, China, Mexico, Germany, Austria, Italy—yes, also in the United States—the people are drawing together. They are growing conscious of the menace of fascism and war; they are uniting to maintain democracy and insure world peace. They are coming to know that where the people are united the fascists cannot pass.

Today, when the fascist nations are driving toward war, when fascist-minded leaders of industry and finance are undertaking to curb and destroy the democratic rights of the people, a proletarian united front, a broad people's front are the need of the hour.

The war moves of Hitler and Mussolini in Spain, in Europe, in Africa must be blocked. The Japanese militarists—allied with Hitler and Mussolini—must be forced out of China and stopped in the East. A united people's movement on a world scale must stand shoulder to shoulder with the Soviet Red Army for the defense of the Soviet Union against the fascist aggressors.

Let us express in demonstrations, millions strong, our hatred for the fascist instigators of war, for Hitler, Mussolini, Araki, Franco, Hearst.

Let us keep America out of war by aiding in blocking the war moves of the fascist war makers.

Let us, the people, rally on May Day to maintain world peace.

May Day is an American Day. It was born on American soil in the struggle of the American working class for unionism and the 8-hour day. It marked the beginning of the modern labor movement. It was adopted on our initiative by the international labor movement as a day of international solidarity and struggle.

It is fitting, in accord with these glorious traditions, that May Day this year be used to rally support for the Committee for Industrial Organization, the C.I.O., and for a united, progressive trade union movement which fights for labor's rights.

May Day, this year, must mark a new beginning in the struggle for the shorter work day, for the 30-hour week—for higher wages, for the rights of labor, for real collective bargaining which does away with company unionism, with industrial spies, with the use

of police, sheriffs and militia against labor.

Great gains have been made during this past year. Industrial unionism has shown beyond challenge that it alone inspires and arouses the workers in the basic industries to organize an effective struggle. Militant and hard-fought strikes have brought notable victories to the workers.

The West Coast maritime workers led the way. The auto workers followed with a smashing defeat to the union-hating General Motors Corporation; Chrysler was forced to yield. The workers are now advancing against Ford.

The steel trust was brought to its knees without even a strike, frightened by the militancy and

successes of the workers, for the first time granting collective bargaining, the 40-hour week, increased wages and other demands. Victory after victory has been won in dozens of the nation's major industries and in hundreds of plants.

Trade unionism is on the march. Old causes for disunity in labor's ranks are being swamped in the tide of organization and struggle. Racial, religious, political differences are being drowned out in the mighty surge of the workers toward organization and unity. Catholics, Protestants, Jews, Negroes, Whites, Communists, Socialists, adherents of the old parties, women youth—all being swept into the closing ranks of labor.

All industries are affected. Steel, auto, rubber and radio have already been added to mining, clothing, printing and others as industries where the unions are well entrenched. From coast to coast, from border to border powerful organization drives are under way, with oil and textile in the forefront.

These gains are being made despite the sabotage and betrayal of the Executive Council of the American Federation of Labor—of Green, Woll, Frey, Hutcheson and Company. These hide-bound reactionaries have counterposed only their splitting and wrecking tactics, together with open strikebreaking cooperation with the employers to labor's general advance.

Labor, with its new-found militancy, with its determination to move forward, is overcoming all obstacles. This is shown in the growth of its organizational strength, in its success in strikes. It is shown in the resistance of the rank and file workers of the A. F. L. to the splitting policies of the bureaucratic leaders. It is shown in its support to the C. I. O., in its support for the progressives in the American Federation of Labor. It is shown by the fight to reestablish a united trade union movement, based on industrial unionism, trade union democracy, supported by dozens of State Federations of Labor, by hundreds of Central Labor Bodies and by thousands of A. F. L. local unions.

The struggle for trade union unity within the ranks of the A. F. L. goes hand in hand with the advance of labor in the basic industries.

The increased political activity of the labor movement is a further sign of its rebirth. The decisive role of the workers in the defeat of the Hearst-Liberty League candidates—Landon and Knox—the formation of Labor's Non-Partisan League, the movement toward a Farmer-Labor Party the fight for progressive labor and social legislation and against anti-labor legislation, the support given to Roosevelt's proposal for unpacking the powers of the Supreme Court—all these are signs of greater militancy, of growing political consciousness, of greater determination to play a part in the political life of the country.

On May Day this year it is the duty of all workers of the toiling farmers, of all progressives to support this new militancy of labor.

Let us work with renewed determination against the splitting policies of the Greens, Wolls and Hutchesons and for a united and powerful trade union movement. Let us support with all our vigor the organizing campaigns of the C. I. O. and the support given to these campaigns by the A. F. L. progressives.

Let us support the moves toward independent political action of Labor's Non-Partisan League, and the moves toward a Farmer-Labor Party which are

gaining in strength throughout the country.

Let us rally support for progressive labor and social legislation, for the curbing of the Supreme Court.

Let us work as never before to defeat the new efforts of the employers to adopt anti-labor and anti-social legislation directed against the interests of the people.

Let us be on guard against the moves of the Hearsts, the Liberty Leaguers, the manufacturers and bankers to move toward fascism with the curbing of labor's rights as the first step.

The people are on the march. They are learning the lessons of the class struggle. More and more of them realize that there is no need for millions to starve in America while a handful of parasites fatten on the blood and broken lives of the poor. The American dream of peace and plenty could come true once the chains of capitalist slavery are smashed. There could be untold plenty and happiness for all in a socialist society where human rights reign supreme, where the class of exploiters is forced to give up the mills, mines and wealth of the country to the people.

The people are on the march, and more and more of them see the necessity of a socialist America as the one way to their ultimate emancipation. The Communist Party, the revolutionary party of socialism, leads the workers in their daily struggles. Through their common experiences and with the help of the teachings of Marx, Engels, Lenin and Stalin, it prepares the workers, farmers and middle class people for the overthrow of capitalism, for the establishment of a classless, socialist America.

We Communists are the inheritors of the revolutionary traditions of 1776 and 1861. We are the twentieth century Americans who lead the workers and the people against the trusts, the Supreme Court, the Liberty Leaguers, the instigators of war. Join the Communist Party. Take your place in the vanguard of the working class. Help lead humanity to its next great step—socialism.

Already the Soviet workers and peasants have blazed the way. On one-sixth of the globe they have built an invincible fortress of peace, freedom and prosperity. They have abolished the age-old exploitation of man by man. Let us on May Day turn our eyes from the darkness of the capitalist world to this beacon light of human progress. In the Soviet Union we see a guarantee that the toilers throughout the world can overthrow capitalism, and its misery and exploitation, and begin the march to a future of freedom, happiness and plenty.

Let us demonstrate our solidarity with the land of socialism.

Let us show our anger at the carriers of fascism within the working class—the counter-revolutionary Trotskyite wreckers and assassins. They conspired with Hitler and the Japanese militarists to destroy the Soviet Union, the hope of all mankind. In America they sabotage and disrupt every progressive advance. Let us pledge to drive these modern Benedict Arnolds out of the ranks of the working class and defeat

their conspiracies in behalf of fascism.

Let us this May Day extend the hand of working class solidarity to the victims of capitalist terror throughout the world. Let us demand the freedom of Tom Mooney, McNamara, the Scottsboro boys, and all those imprisoned by the capitalists for their struggles in behalf of the working class.

Let the voice of labor penetrate every prison wall and carry the message of solidarity and hope to every class war prisoner.

Workers, farmers, trade unionists unemployed, Socialists, Communists, all progressives! Down tools on May First!

Make May Day a day of struggle in every community. Let all America hear the tread of American labor on the march to organize the unorganized, in support of Spanish democracy, towards a mighty People's Front for peace and progress, towards a Farmer-Labor Party, a party of the people against Wall Street.

CENTRAL COMMITTEE, COMMUNIST PARTY, U.S.A.

Pollitt Urges World Unity Of Workers on May First

(By Cable to the Daily Worker)

By HARRY POLLITT

(General Secretary, British Communist Party)

LONDON, April 20.—The British Communist Party sends warm fraternal greetings to the American Communist Party on May First, the traditional day of class solidarity and international unity, which finds the American working class courageously upholding these traditions.

The success of the great industrial struggle, improved working conditions and the freedom of organization are a guarantee of the final triumph of the policy of unity and militant struggle now being rapidly accepted by the American masses.

The great upsurge among all sections of the population places happy responsibilities on the American Communist Party. Only to the extent that the Party grows in numbers and influence and revolutionary experience can it successfully lead mass struggles against the employers, the government and the whole framework of American capitalism.

The British Communist Party is confident that its brother Party will insure that these responsibilities are faithfully and triumphantly carried out. The same tasks face us here also. Unity of the working class movement and the willing support of wide masses are the key to success of the fight against war and fascism and poverty.

Forward to a united working class struggle.

Inspired by successes, the heroic Spanish masses take the offensive against fascism and war. As the International Brigade is cementing with their blood the bonds of international solidarity, let us strengthen the unity of the working class of the whole world for the final struggle and victory.



For Unity of the Working Class

The 'Daily's' Float--

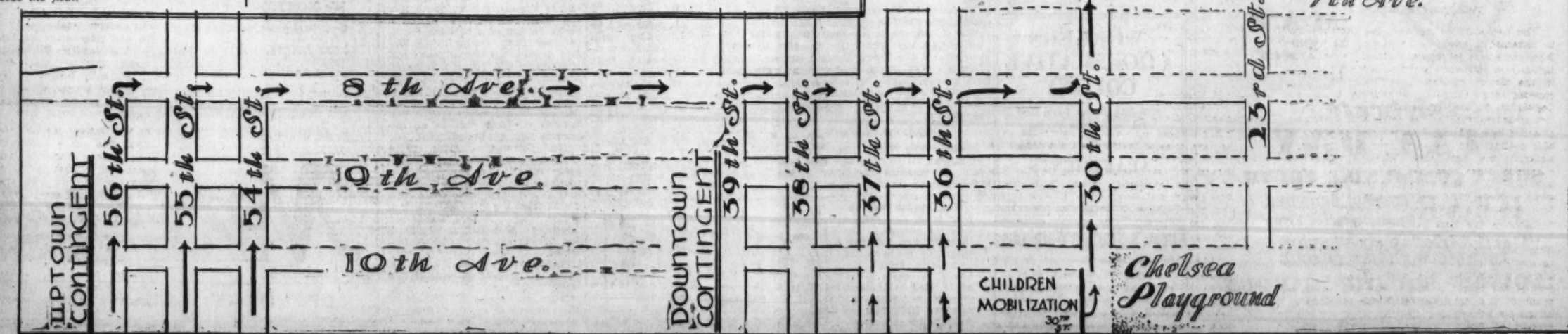
It's gigantic! Terrific! Stupendous! A wow! These are some of the inadequate adjectives used by people to describe the remarkable float the Daily Worker is having in the May Day parade in New York.

What a float! Nothing like it has ever been seen in any New York parade. It is fully 15 feet high and 12 feet wide. Members of the Communist Party and the Artists Union worked many hours until they made a float that's a knockout.

It is called the "Mouthpiece of Labor." It is shaped in the form of a huge, towering figure of a worker reading the Daily Worker. Spread out directly underneath is a group of Daily Worker writers pounding out copy. As they type, the figure of the worker makes a speech that can be heard for blocks. How is it done? A loudspeaker blares forth the news as it is pounded out.

And that's not all. A great column of some 400 Daily Worker Agents, sellers, carriers, and newsboys—New York's Daily and Sunday Worker Distributing staff, will precede the float.

Here Is Your Route of March for The United May Day Demonstration In New York



May 1, 1937, Finds Labor in New York Is on the March

By
Rose Worles

For Trade Union Unity—
Workers Turning to C. I. O.
Movement to Make the City
a 100 P. C. Union Town

The organized workers of New York who will come out in the tens of thousands to demonstrate on May Day will have good cause for celebration. Great achievements can be recorded by the workers of New York since May, 1935. In the old established unions, such as the needle unions, painters, marines, food, shoe, and even in the more conservative unions, such as teamsters, carpenters (where Hutchison's referendum outlawing the Communists was rejected by the majority of the locals in New York State) a new spirit reigns today.

The United front of the workers, which has proven so successful in repelling the fascists in France, Belgium, and other European countries, particularly on the battle front of Madrid has also changed the face of the most important trade unions in New York. Many unions, for years dominated by reactionary and racketeering elements have now taken a new lease of life under the leadership of progressives, supported by the mass of rank and file. In place of the old friction and division, we now see the united front of various elements working side by side to consolidate the gains, and fortify the strength of the unions. This unity enhances the general trade union movement, particularly the struggle for the organization of the unorganized under the leadership of the C.I.O.

This united front on the economic field has also found its expression on the political field in the formation of the American Labor Party, which during the last elections succeeded in rallying close to 300,000 workers under its banner and is likely to play a very important role in the coming Municipal and State elections in our city and state, and also in its support of Roosevelt's measures to curb the Supreme Court.

This spirit of militancy, this urge to struggle for better conditions is now beginning to penetrate new sections of the working class in our State. For the first time since the big strike movement of 1935, which involved close to 300,000 workers, we see a real stirring amongst large sections of unorganized workers in New York State, particularly our basic industries. The victory of the C.I.O. in the automobile and steel industries had an electrifying effect on the hundreds of thousands of unorganized workers in New York State.

THE CIO DRIVE

From the very beginning of the CIO drive, the New York workers had their eyes turned toward this movement. The settlement of the General Motors strike was a signal for action to thousands of unorganized in New York, immediately followed by a series of sit-down strikes and victories. Only a cursory glance at the advances made in New York State in the past three months will show how ripe the situation is for making New York a 100 per cent union town, and to what extent the present leadership of the A.F. of L. has hindered the movement for organization.

The last Convention of the State Federation of Labor had turned a deaf ear to the call of the progressives to utilize the strength of the hundreds of thousands of organized workers in order to bring the message of organization to the unorganized. The CIO, supported by the progressive trade unions, has undertaken this long neglected task with gratifying results.

Since last May Day there have been organized in our state locals of steel, auto, and textile workers. The General Electric of Schenectady is today negotiating with the Union. In N. Y. C. the movement for organization and strike is spreading, embracing manual as well as large sections of white collar and professional workers. In the laundry industry which employs large numbers of Negro workers, as well as in transit, Western Union and Utility the workers are organizing and fighting for better conditions and recognition of their unions.

SPIRIT OF MILITANCY

This new spirit of militancy has expressed itself in increased interest on the part of the organized labor movement in general political problems, particularly in legislative activity. For the first time in the history of New York State did we find crowded rooms at the public hearings of the State Legislature on the various labor and social legislative measures, such as the child labor amendment, attended by hundreds of trade union delegates; the bills dealing with the eight hour day for hospital workers; the anti-Labor Wadsworth bill, and numerous other measures pertaining to labor's interests. It is also evident by the mass support given to trade union resolutions in favor of President Roosevelt's Supreme Court reform proposals.

Labor in New York has also recognized that the struggle in defense of its own economic and political interests is closely linked with the struggle against fascism on an international scale, and has therefore responded most enthusiastically in support of the people of Spain, who are bearing the brunt of the fight against fascism. The trade unions are actively participating in all activities in support of Spain through the North American Committee, and the Trade Union Committee for

All Progressives Can Unite to Defeat Rising Reaction in New York City

The American Labor Party
Should Take Lead in
Rallying Progressives

ACTION NEEDED

By I. Amter

The reactionaries in the United States having suffered a crushing defeat on Nov. 3, last year, have re-organized their forces. Immediately after the elections of last year the Communist Party stated the Liberty League-Hearst-Landon-Smith forces having suffered a severe setback, would utilize different methods in order to continue the struggle against progress in the United States. This has been clearly shown in the struggle in and outside of the U. S. Congress.

On the eve of the elections, President Roosevelt declared that "we have just begun to fight." The workers of United States knew that they were responsible for the defeat of reaction and therefore decided to cash in on the victory that they had gained.

The drive to organize the unorganized, to achieve collective bargaining, higher wages and better conditions; the drive against the usurpation of power by the U. S. Supreme Court; the struggle to ratify the Child Labor amendment; the struggle to enact the anti-lynching bill; the efforts of the unemployed and WPA workers to prevent any retrenchment in the relief program of the government and state—all represent the efforts on the part of the workers to achieve not only better conditions for themselves, but to establish their civil rights and to fight for more liberties.

WHO IS BEHIND THEM

The reactionaries did not give up the fight. On the contrary, what has taken place in New York in recent weeks is only a symptom of what is being attempted in all states where the reactionaries are strong.

(1) The introduction by Senator Berg in the State legislature in New York of bills that will make it very difficult for independent parties to get on the ballot;

(2) The meeting recently held at the Hippodrome, arranged by the American Committee against Communism;

(3) The attempt to conduct an "investigation" of relief in New York City—are mere evidence of the coalition of all reactionary forces and their program against the interests of the broadest masses of workers, liberals and progressives.

Who is behind these forces? It is notable that in the fight against the unmaking of the U. S. Supreme Court, it is not the reactionaries in the Republican Party who are going to the front, but rather some "liberal" and the reactionary and Ku Klux elements in the Democratic Party, alleged supporters of Roosevelt. Nevertheless, behind them stands the Liberty League, with its mixed Republicans and Democratic Party

Technical Aid. In the ranks of the Lincoln Battalion fighting on the battle front of Madrid can be found hundreds of active trade unionists from New York—workers who understood their duty and are giving their all in order to help their fellow workers in this heroic struggle.

THE ROLE OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY

The decisions of our past Convention to unite and activate our Party membership in the trade unions was an important factor in the progress made by the labor movement. The Communists in the Trade Union initiated the united front policy and helped to unite the various forces in the trade unions. They helped to build a broad, all-inclusive leadership in many of the unions, bringing new hopes and enthusiasm to the workers. A good example of this was the last elections of the needle trade unions which brought out the largest vote in the history of that union.

In the unorganized industries, our Party members, and our Party units have been in the forefront of the struggle, utilizing their knowledge and experience as Communists to bring the message of organization to the workers.

Through these activities our comrades in the unions have come to the fore as the accepted leaders of the workers. The Communist Party despite the Hearst anti-red campaign, despite the poison spread by the reactionary forces (Smith, Harvey, the anti-Communist Committee) is being accepted by ever larger number of workers as the champion of their best interests. The workers come to our sections, counties and District office for help and assistance in their strikes and in their efforts to build trade union organization.

However, in carrying on our work amongst the masses in the trade unions many of us have failed to recognize the need of combining our daily work in the trade unions with the need for deepening the class consciousness of these workers and winning them for our Party and our Press. In taking



A section of New York's mighty May Day march of last year is shown above. Lower pictures show (right) Charles Krumboltz, New York State Secretary of the Communist Party, and I. Amter, New York State Organizer of the Communist Party.



composition, and the Democrats who supported the Liberty League in the last elections.

TORIES LINE UP

Let us look at the Hippodrome meeting. Who spoke there? First, Al Smith, Liberty League, an open exponent of reaction and bitter enemy of the working class. By his side on the platform sat Paul Desveraux, chairman of the Law Committee of the Liberty League and attorney for the U. S. Steel Corporation. Also George U. Harvey, Republican, Borough President of Queens, who not only attacked the Communists, but also the unemployed workers and incited to mass violence against all progressives in

the city. Father Edward Lodge Curran, open France supporter, who attacked not only the Communists, but also the "unwashed liberals" of New York, mentioning Mayor La Guardia by name. Mathew Weil, reactionary vice-president of the A. F. of L. and an agent of Hearst, added his quota to the attacks upon the progressives.

LABOR ON THE MARCH

While recording our achievements, we must admit that we have hardly scratched the surface of the possibilities open to us in becoming the mass leader of the forward moving workers. Therefore for this May 1st campaign we must bring before the whole Party the significance of the upsurge amongst the workers, and adopt these tasks as our first Communist duty. We should work more effectively to popularize our sections, units and branch headquarters, and especially the Daily Worker, as the place where workers can come for help and assistance.

May 1st, 1937, finds the working class of New York State on the march. New York labor is joining the millions of other workers throughout the country, who are building the trade unions, for the first time changing the whole character of the American labor movement. There are great opportunities for our Party to entrench itself in the hearts and minds of the workers as their best fighters. We should take up our tasks in a real Communist spirit as the best trade unionists, developing the independent activities of our Party, building the circulation of the Daily and Sunday Worker, distribute our Party literature, react to all major issues confronting the working class of our State. We shall then be able to recruit into the Party the best and most militant workers coming to the surface in these struggles, and realize the slogan of making New York a 100 per cent union State with a powerful Communist Party.

HAIL TO THE YEAR 1886-37 WITH ITS PAST GAINS FOR LABOR! HAIL TO THE YEAR 1937-38 WITH ITS GREATER PROMISES FOR THE WORKING CLASS! OUT ON THE STREETS IN THE HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS ON MAY 1ST!

Amter Points to Forces
Of Reaction in Municipal Politics

FERMENT IN PARTIES

not the holding of one progressive group from another, but the bringing together of all these forces into one united movement, representing progressive sentiment and willingness to fight against reaction.

Shortly after the election campaign, Comrade Jack Stachel summarized the situation. Stachel foresaw the unity of reaction and the necessity of bringing together all the progressives against the reactionaries. Comrade Stachel pointed out the historical role of the American Labor Party in uniting the progressives. He declared that if the A. L. P. would make this effort and draw together all the progressive forces, including the Socialists and Communists, then the A. L. P. would not only become a vital part of New York politics, but could become the governing party in New York.

A. L. P.'S RESPONSIBILITY

Several months have passed by, but the A. L. P. has not moved forward quickly enough. The situation, however, today demands that the A. L. P. take the lead in rallying these forces. Representing a vote of 275,000 in the state of New York and being based upon the most important section of the population, namely, the trade unions, the A. L. P. is the only group that has the ability in the present situation to rally all progressives and liberals.

What is needed is the immediate inauguration of a campaign against the reactionaries, led by the A. L. P. in conjunction with the other progressive groups, based upon a mutually agreed upon program. It means for the A. L. P. to draw into its ranks the tens of thousands who joined the clubs during the election campaign and the inauguration of a big drive to build up the membership of the A. L. P. It demands the activation of all the unions affiliated to the A. L. P. in New York City, with its more than 900,000 workers in the trade unions and more than 1,500,000 throughout the state, there is every possibility of activating the unions and the Central Labor bodies in a joint drive against the reactionaries. The issues involved are: housing; child labor amendment; the Supreme Court; the high cost of living; the threatened cuts in relief and WPA; the Berg bills; high rents, etc.

On these issues the progressives and liberals can be won for joint action, since the attacks by the reactionaries have been made on the whole labor movement and the progressives, although they generally are cloaked with an attack upon the Communist Party. This is the method of the reactionaries and the fascists and no one should be deceived. As far as we Communists are concerned, we declare that we will give full support to a movement of this kind against reaction. The vital issues facing the American people are reaching a new stage of development. Tremendous struggles loom. The drive to organize the unorganized is getting into full swing, with the CIO taking the lead. The labor movement is growing and the reactionaries are threatening to place it into a mold that will rob the workers of the gains that are possible. Exceptional laws, attacks upon progressive and liberals, upon the unemployed and employed, are the signals for the reactionary attacks.

CALL FOR ACTION NOW

This situation demands immediate rallying of all progressive forces to take up the challenge of the reactionaries. This means the mobilization and crystallization of all progressive forces, including the Communist and Socialist Parties under the banner of the American Labor Party in the building of the broadest people's movement against reaction.

This requires immediate action. The struggle that is going on in the Republican Party, in the break of the young Republicans from the Old Guard; the struggle inside Tammany Hall, which nominally supported Roosevelt and Lehman in the election campaign are evidences of new alignments on the political scene in New York.

What is needed at this moment is

Labor Unites Ranks In New York City For Greatest May 1

By
Brendan Sexton
and
Paul White

(Directors, New York United May Day Committee)



500,000 Marchers Are
Expected in Line by
The Parade Committee.

Philip Randolph

May Day, 1937, is a united May Day. As last year, the Socialist and Communist Parties have joined with the progressive trade unions, the garment workers (Local 22), the furriers, the painters and the shoe workers to carry on the tradition of a glorious, militant, class parade on labor's own holiday. The importance of this unity cannot be too greatly stressed; for this one day, the disagreements between the various sections of progressive and revolutionary labor are laid aside and a common front presented to the world.

May Day is not the holiday of the Socialists or the Communists or the labor unions; it is the holiday of the world working class which recognizes neither creed nor boundary.

In the working out of this unity, the United May Day Committee was offered the fullest cooperation from all groups involved. Early in the preparations, a basic principle was agreed upon; that a uniform set of slogans be prepared by agreement and that no slogans be allowed in contradiction to those or specifically attacking another participating organization.

The central slogan around which the demonstration will take place is "United Labor Against Reaction." The other two principal slogans will call for solidarity with the Spanish fighters against fascism and support for the industrial union campaign to organize workers in the mass production industries. From these stem the other slogans of the demonstration—against imperialist war and fascism, for the defense of the Soviet Union, against reaction at home, and others.

More than 115 labor unions, including many of the largest in the city, have joined with the United May Day Committee, as well as hundreds of fraternal organizations. The total aggregate membership of these groups is well above 400,000 of which more than half are enrolled in the unions.

RANDOLPH CHAIRMAN

A. Philip Randolph, international president of the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters, is serving as chairman of the executive committee; Louis Weinstock, secretary-treasurer of District Council 9 of the Painters' Union, is secretary. On the committee itself, all tendencies within the conference are represented. Brendan Sexton, chairman of the Workers' Alliance of New York, and Paul White of the International Seamen's Union are acting as directors.

The goal of 500,000 marchers has been set for May Day and at this writing it looks as if this goal will be passed with ease. During the past week, many more organizations have affiliated; organizations already active report that they have never seen such interest and enthusiasm as the conference has aroused. More than 2,000 delegates expected to the final conference next Saturday afternoon, April 24, at Webster Hall, there to approve the final details for the parade. From the conference they will return to their organization to mobilize 100 per cent strength for the greatest labor parade in the history of the American working class.

A UNITED MOVEMENT

Labor will celebrate on May Day! The workers will march in step to the strains of The International, hymn of the working-class, and other labor songs that have been heard on the picket line and in the streets. May Day will show a united, happy labor movement.

Special attention has been paid to the mobilization of the Spanish, Italian and German labor fraternal and cultural organizations in an effort to show where these groups stand in relation to the Fascist dictatorships in their homelands.

Language conferences have been called of the various organizations, and plans for the formation of an anti-Fascist section composed entirely of Spaniards, Italians and Germans have been completed. More than 50,000 of these anti-Fascists are expected to join with the rest of the New York labor movement in a great demonstration against fascism.

Other special features of the demonstration will include a special children's section led by a children's band.

ALL OUT MAY DAY!

May Day this year has been marked by the affiliation of many unions to the Committee who have never before participated in May Day, chief among these being the International Seamen's Union. According to present reports, at least 50,000 men and women will march in the union section who have never before marched in a May Day parade.

The marching route and mobilization points have already been set and will be made public soon; in the meantime, every organization is being notified of the time and place where its membership will assemble. The paraders will gather at 56th Street and Eighth Avenue, through the side streets above 54th to Tenth Avenue. They will march south along Tenth Avenue to 30th Street, through the heart of the garment area, and then move east to Fifth Avenue.

From then they will march through Madison Square into Broadway and end at Union Square where, according to present plans, a reviewing stand will be erected and representatives of the marching organizations will present their greetings to the meeting there. Although the park department has thus far refused to issue a permit for speakers and a reviewing stand, we feel sure that it will be forced to reconsider its decision.

May Day, 1937, will see the greatest parade in the history of the labor movement. Every worker, every intellectual, every friend of freedom and progress must march with his brothers in this tremendous demonstration of unity against reaction.

All out May Day!

Sons of a Spanish President



The two sons of the former President Alcala Zamora of the Spanish Republic are pictured above at a popular demonstration in Barcelona just before they enlisted in a People's Army regiment recently. They are giving the Popular Front salute.

The C. I. O. Conquest in the Texas Oil Fields Is Inevitable

Says Company Union Is Illegitimate Child Of Economic Rape

Kennedy Raps Bosses' Stodge Outfits in Opening Session of Newly-Formed Coke and Gas Workers' Union Session in Philadelphia

By Ernest Pendrell
PHILADELPHIA, April 20.—"A company union is the illegitimate child of an economic rape."
With these words Lieutenant-Governor Thomas Kennedy of Pennsylvania, who is also international secretary-treasurer of the United Mine Workers of America and now actively engaged in the organization of the T.W.O.C., addressed a meeting of the two-month-old Gas Coke and By-Products Union Local 12023 of the U.M.W.A.

The union is charging before the



THOMAS KENNEDY
Lieut.-Gov. of Pennsylvania
Sec.-Treas. of U. M. W. A.

National Labor Relations Board that one of their number, Virgil Perry, was discharged because of his active membership in Local 12023. The union further charged before the La Follette Committee, that the Philadelphia Gas Works, one of the largest utility companies in the country, is using public funds to employ spies, spotters, company agents and undercover

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Harlan Tale of Terror Told in Capital



Bloody Harlan County moved into the Lafayette committee hearing at Ted Creech, son of a Harlan coal operator, was caught in an attempt to intimidate witnesses.

Creech met R. C. Tackett at the door of the hearing room immediately before opening of the afternoon session and warned him: "You've got the coal operators of Harlan county in a jam and I'm going to see that you get brought back to the county and get sent up for eight or ten more years," according to Tackett.

GEORGE S. WARD (above), Secretary of the Harlan County Coal Association, as he testified before the Senate Civil Liberties Committee, April 15.



Richard C. Tackett (right), one of four men who before the Senate Civil Liberties committee April 14 acknowledged that they had been paid by Ted Creech, mine operator's son to blow up a union organizer with 15 sticks of dynamite in Harlan County, Kentucky, is shown, being held by U. S. Deputy Marshall Robert H. Bushan; as they left the Civil Liberties hearing April 15.

Union Leaders Urge Drive On Boosts in Living Costs

See Necessity for Federal and State Control of Price Fixing by Big Corporations—Ask Tieup with Union Struggles

By Beth McHenry

The man on the street was saying to his friend, "Sure they got an increase, but what the hell does it mean? Prices have shot up so high."

He mentioned the Greenpoint Bedding Company strike which the workers won and then the two of them got to talking about how rents were going up and food and clothes. The first man said his rent had gone up \$8 and he got no raise in pay to meet it.

"But let me tell you one thing," he added, "no wage increase is going to make up for the way things have gone up. It's terrible. And it's that way all over the town."

Pur workers, painters, longshore-

men—they're all having to face the problem of what to do about the sharp increase in the cost of things to eat and places to sleep and clothes to wear. Pretty generally you'll find the union workers and their leaders agree that only the strongest and most unified action is going to have any effect on the high cost of living.

PAINTERS HALL

If you walk west on 26th street you'll reach the Painters' Union headquarters at Eighth avenue. The sidewalk in front of the building is crowded with men whose trade is painting and all of them have a fight on their hands to keep alive and support their families. Upstairs in the union hall, Louis Weinstein, secretary-treasurer of District 9, Painters Union, told why the painters are so deeply affected by the rise in prices and rents.

"Painters are first affected by the rent problem," he said. "They are after all, building trades workers and they have lost more than 40 per cent of their wages since 1929. Since 1929 the cost of living in general has increased from 20 to 30 per cent. The work of a painter is seasonal. He works perhaps five months out of the year and the most he makes annually is a thousand dollars."

He said what the union is after is to reduce the working hours of painters to six hours without a wage reduction. The rise in the cost of living is the same thing to a worker as a cut in wages.

ANTI-UNION DRIVE

"The Real Estate Board of New York is a union of anti-unionists."

"Our union always tries to see that the workers get good food and enough of it. We have a double reason to defeat the rise in cost of living. The restaurant workers have families at home, most of them, to support out of their small wages. Legislation to protect the workers from the corporations' whim for increased prices must be pushed."

Ben Gold, leader of the Furriers' Joint Council of New York, says the fur workers are as bitterly affected by the sharp rise in living costs as all other workers.

"It is imperative that organized labor should initiate the fight against the corporations' arbitrary attack on the people who must work to eat," he declared.

"It is the time right now for all the trade unions and the auxiliaries to couple the struggle against the increase in living costs with the struggle for other measures, for higher wages and shorter hours and better working conditions. It is high time that the workers in the trade unions saw the necessity for federal and state control of price fixing."

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Husky Petroleum Workers Brush Aside Craft Unions

In Every Town from the Sabine to the Red River New Well and Refinery Workers Union Centers Are Opened—Red-baiting Is Spiked

By ROBERT WARREN
(Daily Worker Staff Correspondent)

HOUSTON, Tex., April 19.—It takes tough muscles and plenty of guts to be a petroleum worker. Hanging on to high derricks, working around the inflammable oil while it is being treated is no job for weaklings. And it is a typical gesture of strength on the part of these workers that they should have brushed aside the outmoded craft union for the challenging industrial union.

The C.I.O., fresh from its victories over automobile and steel, has now entered the Texas oil fields in the most intensive campaign of unionization which this state has ever witnessed. In every oil field town from the Sabine to the Red River, one sees newly opened headquarters of the International Gas Oil Well and Refinery Workers Union. Despite threats of armed interference on the part of Governor James V. Allred, despite the sudden competition of the thoroughbred oil workers, the C.I.O. is making its mark.

The Shell Petroleum Company, like many other enterprises, had expected the Wagner Labor Relations Act to be held unconstitutional. But the workers were prepared whatever the decision of the Supreme Court. The C.I.O. drive began in Texas at approximately the same time that the Court was expected to hand down its decision.

RED BLANKETS DON'T WORK

It would have gone ahead regardless of any Supreme Court ruling. A union which, only a few years ago, had sunk to less than 200 members in good standing has suddenly become a direct challenge to the Rockefeller, the Mellon, the Sinclair, and the other magnates who drain the oil fields of Texas.

During the last few years, the rank and file of the union have taken a tremendous initiative in

organizing these outside. The majority has gone so far ahead of its conservative president, Harvey P. Frey, more clearly illustrated than keep up with his own members.

When Frey's speech Governor Allred's fear of "Communists" in the union. Frey followed suit only to be soundly contradicted by more progressive officials. It would be hard to split these husky oil field workers by waving a red blanket in front of them. Ever since Governor Allred's windy statements against the C.I.O. and "outside agitators" they have had an instinctive distrust for those who called "wolf."

THEY'RE STRIKEBREAKING

"We can't be quoted as personally stating C.I.O. policies," J. E. Crossland, organizer at Pasadena, told me today. "We are trying to organize the oil field workers. There are no 'C.I.O.' coming in from the outside than there are A. F. of L. organizers."

The strikebreaking role of the craft union bureaucracy has never been more clearly illustrated than by its decision to compete with the C.I.O. in the oil fields. John P. Frey, of the old guard, has announced that craft organizers will be sent immediately into the fields and dollar for dollar matched with the progressives. If I might advise Mr. Frey, I would suggest that he save both the money and the wind of his spell-binders.

The C.I.O. in the Texas oil fields is inevitable.

90 PER CENT SIGNED UP

Texas newspapers would have us believe that the workers are indifferent or actively hostile to the C.I.O. Today, however, I visited union headquarters at the little town of Pasadena and heard labor's side of the story. Ninety per cent

United Front May Day Meeting To Be Held in Chicago

CHICAGO—A United Front May Day meeting, called by the Communist and Socialist Parties, will acquaint the workers of the Lawndale district with the program of May Day in Chicago. The meeting will be held at the Labor Lyceum, corner of Ogden and Kedzie Streets, at 2 P. M. on Wednesday, April 22. Two representatives of each party will speak at the meeting and a musical program and recitations will complete the program.

The two working class political parties are making plain for a parade through the West Side on the 30th, to broadcast the May Day message to still more workers. In calling the workers of Lawndale to the Labor Lyceum meeting, the two parties advanced ten slogans, including Defend Spanish Democracy, Fight against Imperialist War, curb the power of the Supreme Court, fight for the 6 hour day and 30 hour week, organize the unorganized, and build an Illinois Labor Party. The high cost of living and rents will also be objects of the workers' wrath at the May Day Demonstration and at this meeting.

Two Illinois Workers Alliance branches, No. 15 and 18, have endorsed the meeting.

WORSE FOOD AND LESS

One group of workers affected in a most particular and painful way by the rise in the cost of food are the restaurant workers. William Albertson, secretary-treasurer of Local 16, Restaurant Employees and Bartenders Union, said the restaurant workers can expect to eat worse food and less of it.

"Most restaurant employees are paid miserably anyway," he said, "and out of their poor wage comes three dollars or three and a half a week for the food they eat. If their pay envelope says \$10.50, what they really get is \$7.50 and their meals. As the price of food goes up, restaurant owners serve the help a lower grade of food. Where meat was formerly served, fish is given them as a substitute, and other items are reduced on their menu."

"Our union always tries to see that the workers get good food and enough of it. We have a double reason to defeat the rise in cost of living. The restaurant workers have families at home, most of them, to support out of their small wages. Legislation to protect the workers from the corporations' whim for increased prices must be pushed."

Ben Gold, leader of the Furriers' Joint Council of New York, says the fur workers are as bitterly affected by the sharp rise in living costs as all other workers.

"It is imperative that organized labor should initiate the fight against the corporations' arbitrary attack on the people who must work to eat," he declared.

"It is the time right now for all the trade unions and the auxiliaries to couple the struggle against the increase in living costs with the struggle for other measures, for higher wages and shorter hours and better working conditions. It is high time that the workers in the trade unions saw the necessity for federal and state control of price fixing."

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Then came work in a jute mill, a job as furnace stoker, a tramp with Kelley's Army of the Unemployed. He became a member of the Socialist Party early.

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Roosevelt's Relief Slash— A National Menace

• The relief crisis is here—created by the Administration.

Roosevelt's advance announcement that he will ask Congress to slash the relief budget by at least 50 per cent brings the gaunt menace of poverty and hunger to millions of Americans and their families.

In calling for a budget of not more than \$1,500,000,000 as compared with \$2,600,000,000 (itself a slash from 1935) of last year, Roosevelt is unleashing a drive against the unemployed which is in the direct interests of the worst reactionary cliques, and is aimed to please them.

There is not the slightest question that the need this year is just as great if not greater than last year. The Governors of the States, close to the situation at home, declare emphatically that the proposed slashes can only mean widespread hardship.

In his proposed slash, Roosevelt is playing directly into the hands of such reactionaries as Sen. Vandenberg of Michigan whose recent lying estimate of the unemployed was carefully calculated to anticipate the new starvation budget.

In Congress, the progressives have denounced the new estimates as pitifully inadequate.

In visits to Hopkins and Roosevelt, representatives of the Workers Alliance have laid down irrefutable figures showing the need for at least THREE BILLIONS to provide minimum food, clothing and shelter for America's unemployed. Why does the Administration brutally ignore these stark facts?

The people of the country, the millions of families for whom relief and WPA stand as the sole protection against pauperism and misery, face a return to the fear-haunted days of Hoover unless they ACT in defense of their welfare.

The arguments of the Administration will not hold water for a single second.

If the revenue from income taxes fell \$400,000,000 short, the Government can easily raise this amount by new taxes ON THE RICH. When Roosevelt talks glibly of avoiding new taxes in general, he is guilty of protecting the swollen profits of the corporations in the guise of defending the interests of the "little man." He is falling in with the propaganda of the Liberty Leaguers, whom the American people repudiated.

Roosevelt's relief slashes will strike blows not only against the unemployed, but against the whole toiling population, against the small business man, against the wage scale of American labor.

The resounding call of the Workers Alliance of New York rightly calls for determined trade union action "as the first line of defense" in upholding trade union scales. The call should re-echo throughout the country!

Only immediate action, united and determined, can now prevent a calamity of national proportions in relief.

French Peoples Front Balks Attack from Within

• The enemies of the People's Front of France have learned that when the extreme Rightist barrage fails you must then turn on the hidden Trotskyist artillery under the camouflage of the "Revolutionary Left."

Under the generalship of Marceau Pivert, the disguised Trotskyist, an effort was made at the recent Socialist National Council, held at Puteau, to condemn the People's Front. The rebuff given to the Pivert faction was an anti-Trotskyist decision. The Council voted 4,573 to 25 (there were 483 abstentions) to dissolve the Pivert clique.

More important than the dissolution of the so-called "Revolutionary Left" was the declaration of the Paris Socialist leader Zyromski. Zyromski pledged complete loyalty to the People's Front and its program. To be sure, there were genuine Socialist voices at Puteau, criticizing the Blum government for its hesitation on Spain, and calling for the strengthening of the ties between the Communists and Socialists against French fascism.

The assault on the People's Front by Pivert and his faction must be taken as part of the general war on the People's Front.

At first the Paris bankers tried to bring

about the dissolution of the People's Front through currency manipulations. They failed.

Their efforts were followed by the Clichy massacre to create a crisis and to force Blum to resign. That was thoroughly defeated. The reactionary bourgeois press of the world looked forward hopefully to the Trotskyist Pivert group to try to achieve by "left" phrases what the others failed to do with fascist schemes and bullets.

The Communist Party of France which has most fervently and incessantly criticized every move away from the People's Front program by Blum has declared that its criticism lies within the slogan: "Everything through, by and for the People's Front." The Trotskyist slogan is: "Every combination (Fascist or otherwise) to wreck the People's Front!"

The fascists and Trotskyites have thus far failed. Indeed, the rebuff given to Pivert—his insistence that he will abide by party discipline and give his allegiance to the People's Front—strengthens the People's Front.

The People's Front of France (as the People's Front of Spain) comes out of the fire of every new crisis, of every new attack from its enemies of every brand, stronger, more powerful.

For 'Protection' of The Company Union

• Joe Nolan, "president" of the company union at Pilcher, Okla., is speaking. Last week his "blue card" thugs and hoodlums smashed the CIO headquarters in that town. This week they join the American Federation of Labor!

What has this Nolan to say for this action?

"The Supreme Court decision last Monday outlawing the company union made it necessary to do something quickly to have representation in Washington," he explains to the Associated Press. Therefore, to get "protection" for their company union against the Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers Union they joined the A. F. of L.

What is worse, the A. F. of L. leadership comes to the aid of these company stooges by welcoming the whole lot of them into the Federation.

Mr. Green may say piously in Washington that he is against racketeering. None of his activities has ever shown any trace of such opposition on his part. But it is quite evident that the A. F. of L. leadership is now doing as evil a thing as their year-long condoning of racketeering. They are co-operating in the building up of company vigilante and strikebreaking outfits.

How long will honest unionists in the American Federation of Labor permit the name of that organization to be thus dragged in the mud? John Frey has stained it badly in his connivance with the stooges and stool pigeons of the discredited Carnegie-Illinois company union. Is the A. F. of L. leadership to be permitted to do stool pigeon work for the Open Shoppers, filling the breach left vacant by the exposure of the private detective agencies?

What these splitters of the labor movement are doing must not be confused with the penetration of the company unions in militant manner by the CIO or other unions—against the companies' Open Shop policies and for the destruction of the company union. The A. F. of L. leadership has not shown the will or the intelligence to do anything like that. Instead, they now support the company—organized groups against the unionizing efforts of the CIO—for the "protection" of the company union, as Nolan so stupidly confessed.

Thus, one evil step leads to another. First, "suspension" of the CIO unions—splitting the movement. Then, open service to the strikebreaking and union-smashing companies.

Let A. F. of L. members insist upon an end of this wretched business—before it goes further.

Tennessee Judges Have 'Their Little Joke'

• The judges of the Supreme Court of Tennessee have a distasteful sense of humor mingled with not a little contempt of the Negro people.

William B. Redmond, a young Negro student, taking seriously the Constitution and the Bill of Rights, as well as the admonitions to "study and improve yourself," applied for admission to the College of Pharmacy of the University of Tennessee.

Denied the right to study by the University officials, Redmond sued for his constitutional rights.

In upholding the vile Jim-Crow of the University, the Tennessee Supreme Court declared, with its tongue in its cheek, that it could not help Redmond since that would open it to criticism similar to that now being leveled against the U. S. Supreme Court—they would be "legislating instead of adjudicating."

Appropriating the popular criticism of the people in order to buttress up a vile and reactionary act of discrimination!

Of all the issues facing the people, the rights of the Negro people have been the most violated and least protected by the U. S. Courts from the Dred Scott decision down to the present. It is not only the Federal but the State and local judiciary that needs a thorough cleaning out

World Front

By HARRY GANNES

• London bankers, very much impressed by the size of the Soviet gold reserve, have finally come to the conclusion that the huge gold stock in the U.S.S.R. is a weapon for peace.

The London counting houses have recently been doing a good deal of thinking and writing about Fascism, the war danger and the role of the Soviet Union. For example, the February issue of The Banker, official monthly of English financial houses,

draws a very gloomy picture of the future of Nazi economy, and for practical purposes, draws the conclusion that Germany is "a bottomless pit" for credit.

Turning to the Soviet Union, the banking firm of Samuel Montagu & Co. is awed by the huge Soviet gold reserves. They point out that the Soviet gold holdings amount to \$6,800,000,000, which is second only to that of the United States, which has a gold reserve of \$11,575,000,000. The bank of France has \$2,600,000,000, and the Bank of England reports \$2,500,000,000.

Gold production in the U.S.S.R. now is on the increase. The current output exceeds the production of any other country in the world, far surpassing South Africa, Canada and the United States. The Boston Herald, recording some of these facts, comments: "Predictions are made that the current year will see an output in Russia of 14,000,000 ounces, which will put Russia in the first place among the world's gold producing countries."

In contrast, the gold holdings of Japan are only about \$450,000,000; Italy has only \$210,000,000 (if official figures are to be accepted) and Germany claims \$27,000,000. Since nearly all of these countries must buy their war materials abroad and pay for them in cash, the bankers draw some significant conclusion.

The Boston Herald financial page says of these gold figures:

"This, in the opinion of Samuel Montagu & Co., is a powerful force for European peace."

Very little news seeps through of the trial against Luis Carlos Prestes, Brazilian Knight of Hope, and leader of the Liberation Alliance, the People's Front of Brazil. Via the long route of Rio de Janeiro to London, we receive extracts from Correio de Manja, a Brazilian newspaper, telling of the prosecution of Prestes. Even this report was blue-penciled by the military censors. When Prestes was brought before the special tribunal he protested vigorously against the tortures and maltreatment inflicted on political prisoners.

When the proceedings were opened, a judge informed Prestes that he had a right to choose defending counsel. Prestes replied:

"I know nothing whatever about what is going on here. For a year I have been in prison, deprived of all communication with the outside world. I have been kept in an atmosphere of police terrorism."

The Correio de Manja stated that when questioned, Prestes said he was a Communist and leader of the Liberation Alliance. He said, "I cannot choose a lawyer in whom I have confidence to defend me. I remember the case of Senator Abel Chermont, who was arrested in spite of his parliamentary immunity, because he took up the defense of persons accused of membership in the Communist Party. Abel Chermont was thrown into prison."

Correio de Manja continues its report saying: "Prestes began to speak in a loud voice of the tortures inflicted on hundreds of imprisoned seamen and soldiers. Here he was interrupted by the judge."

Surrounded by a heavy guard, Prestes is not permitted to speak to any newspaper men. He has not been allowed to receive any newspapers since he has been in prison. The efforts to break him down, however, have completely failed.

Official figures in Germany show an increase of crime among the youth. In 23 of the largest towns in Germany, the number of youth arrested for crimes between the ages of 14 to 16 increased from 5,482 in 1924 to 7,528 in 1935, or 38 per cent. The percentage is still growing.

In 37 of the smaller cities and villages the increase recorded was 75 per cent. In Nuremberg, where the Nazis held their last Congress, crime among the youth has increased more than any other city in Germany, swelling by 100 per cent in the past year. The number of sexual crimes—please note, Mr. Gerald K. Smith—had increased, according to Nazi official figures, by 60 per cent in 1936 over the year 1935; and again Nuremberg takes the leading place.

Figures Don't Lie, But Liars Can Figure

• Scoundrels have no shame.

When the New York Sun last year went into a huddle with itself and announced that there were only 3,393,000 unemployed, not even the Republicans dared accept the Sun's carefully doctored figures.

But now Senator Vandenberg has rung the bell by declaring that only 2,975,000 persons are unemployed in the entire country.

It seems the Senator took some figures of the Social Security Board, mixed them with some other figures, added generous slices of pure Grade-A Liberty League boloney, and produced a dish to delight the heart of every economic royalist.

Secretary Perkins has already replied to Senator Vandenberg and pointed out his "errors" and "miscalculations." We need not be so polite.

There was no miscalculation in Vandenberg's excursion into the realm of unemployment statistics. On the contrary, it was carefully calculated. Even the most conservative unemployment estimate, that of the National Industrial Conference Board, an employers' agency, reports 8,914,000 unemployed in February. (The actual figure is at least two or three millions higher.)

Senator Vandenberg's fake statistics, sprung at the moment when President Roosevelt is preparing his message on relief, are designed to prepare the ground for a new orgy of relief-slashing.

Is the Roosevelt administration going to allow such reactionary Liberty League stooges—the same gang that are fighting Supreme Court reform—to browbeat it into firing additional thousands off WPA?

The unemployed and their allies among the progressive forces of the country don't intend to take it lying down.

ALL OUT MAY FIRST

by Ellis



Letters from Our Readers

Is the Jersey City 'Cash Surplus' Alleged?

Jersey City, N. J.

Editor, Daily Worker:

I desire to direct the attention of yourself and your readers to the matter of an alleged cash surplus for the fiscal year 1936 which the Hague administration advertised for Jersey City all the way from New York to San Francisco, as its taxpayers' expense, and which I contend to be a fake surplus.

My contention is based on the following facts: On page 3 of the "Financial Statistics Issued by the Comptroller of Jersey City, N. J., Dated February 27, 1937," it is reported that the 1936 Jersey City tax levy was \$27,930,120.04, and that the city's tax collections and other credits for 1936 amounted to only \$21,510,593.54, the sum of \$6,419,526.50 or 22.98 per cent of said tax levy being delinquent.

After one has studied the aforesaid figures, I am sure one will agree with me that it is difficult to understand how the Hague Administration could have honestly advertised a legitimate cash surplus for 1936, and I feel confident that you will want to present the true facts and figures regarding this matter to the many municipal bond investors who read your paper.

On March 31st, I sent a registered letter to Mayor Hague in which I asked him to explain how he could claim a cash surplus for Jersey City in the face of the foregoing figures. Although a receipt was returned to me showing delivery of the letter I have received no reply from the mayor! Unless I am mistaken this is a matter that calls for Federal investigation.

R. A.

Farmers Suffer Refusal of Seed Loans in 'Seedling Time'

Williston, N. Dak.

Editor, Daily Worker:

Seedling time is close at hand again in this country, but it looks as if there will be only about half of the farmers who can put in a crop as more than half of the Seed Loans have been turned down, and the price of seed is going up as well as the cost of living. Farmers who are being taken care of by the RRA are getting an average of \$23 grant per month to live on, most of the grants are less than that.

Meetings of the Farmers Holiday Association have been held quite regularly all winter. Recently, on March 27th, Mr. Oliver Rosenberg, state president of the Holiday Association addressed an audience of several hundred here, and discussed the problems facing the drought-stricken farmers and that only through banding together with our fellow neighbors can we hope to make it a little more livable here, such as fighting for the bare necessities of life. The result of this meeting and 6 other township meetings was signing up of 60 members and taking about 40 subscriptions to the National Holiday News.

We hope that in the county we can organize a few more meetings as there are still large territories unorganized, but many of these feel the need of such an organization. In 3 of the meetings steps were taken to set up locals and also to elect their grievance committees to handle their grievances from their own localities wherever possible.

E. K.

Two Meetings—People Show Love of Freedom and Justice

New York, N. Y.

Editor, Daily Worker:

At the great Hippodrome in the City of New York on the night of April 13th, there were uttered words of the most sinister meaning to democracy and to freedom of thought and speech as they are guaranteed by the Constitution. One of the speakers was a city official who belongs to a party that the voters of the nation have overwhelmingly repudiated; another was a man who has sold out his one-time seemingly genuine love for the masses in order to be the faithful servant of the most pitiless exploiters of the workers of America. To that meeting the attendance of people was scanty.

Five days later, on the afternoon of Sunday, April 18th, the Hippodrome became filled to above 90 per cent of its capacity by an enthusiastic throng of citizens who made patent their love for justice and freedom by their applause and generous contributions for medical aid to the Spanish people that they may win their heroic struggle against the national traitors and the invasion by armed forces of international fascism. The enormous difference in size and purpose of

these two gatherings makes it very plain that in this country the great revolutionary spirit of 1776 still lives and marches on. Against this unconquerable spirit the roars and foul thrusts by reactionaries and jingoes will crash and suffer certain defeat.

A. G.D.

Yorkville Branch, Y.C.L. Sends Out a Challenge—

New York, N. Y.

Editor, Daily Worker:

If you will take the pains of looking back over your files, you will discover that the first Y.C.L. basketball team to challenge other Y.C.L. teams through the pages of the Daily Worker was the team of the Yorkville Branch. All of us in the branch are mighty proud of our team and even more proud that the Y.C.L. could end up the basketball season with such a bang. But we've got lots of hot blood in our veins and we can't stand still.

We noticed that a branch from Brooklyn has organized a punch ball team. That's fine. Lots of luck to them. They can do a lot of good work in their territory on that basis. But the Yorkville Branch is once more ready to step out and lead the way in city-wide Y.C.L. competition. We've already organized our baseball team. We've been practicing down in John Jay Park down by the East River for the past two Sundays and we hereby challenge any and all Y.C.L. branches to a game of baseball. Send your acceptance direct to the Yorkville Branch of the Y.C.L., 347 East 72nd Street, or through the columns of the Daily Worker. Towards a Y.C.L. baseball tournament.

YORKVILLE BRANCH, Y.C.L.

'The Swellest Experience—'

New York, N. Y.

Editor, Daily Worker:

I had the swellest experience today! Coming over the Staten Island ferry this afternoon, the German boat "Penland" passed us sporting the accursed swastika. A woman aboard the ferry was furious at the audacity of those Nazis and conversation started up.

One cannot talk fascism today without talking about Spain so it developed that the lady was deeply moved by a letter which appeared on April 19th in the Daily Worker, from a boy "J" in Spain to his "Pop" in the United States asking for cigarettes. The lady wanted very much to contribute her dollar and just couldn't do so quickly enough. She feared too much time would elapse before she got to it. Would we take care of it? And would we!

I therefore sent this letter to be published because we would like her to know that her dollar was given to very ardent comrades who loved her enthusiasm as much as "J" will when he knows how deep an impression his letter made.

S-19.

For Urgent Continuance Of WPA Allotments

Cache, Ill.

Editor, Daily Worker:

The Workers Alliance is organizing in Cairo and there was almost a riot last Friday and Saturday, the WPA workers, Levee workers and the relief people. They put five workers in jail, the organizer, Edward Parker, from Sterling, Ill., is now under \$6,000 bond. Some of the relief people had been suffering ever since the November elections.

The International Labor Defense aid is needed badly. The public can help by sending telegrams to Mayor Bode, City Hall, Lloyd Oiler, Court House, Mayor Bourland, Ametur, Cairo, Ill.

R. M.

'More Evidence of German Communists' Broadcast'

Bronx, N. Y.

Editor, Daily Worker:

Here's more evidence that the German Communist Party is broadcasting. I got their program on my short wave set, Friday, April 16, between 4 and 5 P.M. on 16.1 megacycles. Though there was a good deal of interference (probable government work) I could get sentences here and there and heard the International played as they signed off.

F. BAXTER

THE PRESENT IN THE U.S.S.R.

By A. CLAIR

A FEW days ago in Moscow I was introduced to a very young citizen of the Soviet Union. She was hardly six years old. Our conversation did not last long because she very soon lost interest in me and I had to admit that I myself was completely to blame for this. At first she looked at me attentively, and on finding from my talk that I was not Russian, but a foreigner, she rapidly asked me, "Are you a Spaniard?" My negative reply was the first cause of her loss of interest in me. Her rapid grey eyes again turned to her doll, and, feeling that I was hopelessly sinking out of her field of view, I tried to show my activity and take up the offensive. The conversation seemed to come to life, but I soon suffered a new defeat, this time finally. I asked the child who was Stalin. You should have heard her patient and instructive tone and seen the devastating glance of those shining eyes which exposed me at once as a complete ignoramus: "Stalin is another Lenin." What can you add to this, dear reader?

A passenger got into the train leaving Moscow for Rostov. The conductor of the car, a young fellow, showed the passenger his place. Compartment No. 5. A few minutes later a young woman passenger came into the car. A porter carried her bags with labels—New York, Chicago, Washington. She showed her ticket—compartment No. 5. But she did not want to occupy this place. She said that she ought to have been warned, that she was insured. The conductor was astonished. It appeared that the passenger in compartment No. 5 was a Negro. Just the same, the conductor did not understand what was the matter. It was explained to him. He showed the woman her berth once more and walked away. The train started. Everything was quiet in the car. But the conductor came to the passenger in compartment No. 5, his young face shining with triumph. He said he had found a way out of the situation. On the table of the compartment he put in front of the nervous American woman a copy of the Stalinist constitution opened at page 26, where it said in Article 123: "... the advocacy of racial or national exclusiveness or hatred or contempt, is punishable by law."

In March 1937, Vishinsky, the State Prosecutor of the USSR, received a letter. The writer, it seemed from the letter, was named Ivan Prolov and his profession was a thief. Prolov, the habitual thief wrote: "I think that you will take the proper steps and go half way to meet a thief who, judging by the new Constitution and having read your speech at the Congress, has decided, simply and briefly, to put a stop to his criminal deeds." Prolov, the habitual thief, set out the history of his life, beginning with his uncareful childhood, and asked Vishinsky to reply through the newspaper "Izvestia" to the following request: "Please give your instructions to go to any place to live and work so that I can be useful to Soviet society. I detest the life that I have lived because I have become convinced by facts how it is possible to live well by honest labor. I sign my name and give my solemn promise."

Vishinsky, the State Prosecutor of the USSR replied: "Come to the Prosecuting Magistracy of the USSR, Pushkinskaya, 15a. Help will be given you."

Every year thousands of young citizens of the Soviet Union come up for military service in the Red Army. They are examined by a doctor. After examining a tall, young lad, the doctor sent him back home and advised him to go in for physical culture and, in the summer time to be out in the fresh air, under the beneficial sun of the south. Towards the end of the day an old woman, wrapped in a big shawl, came to the conscription station. Pushing aside the Red Army man standing in her way, she said to him in passing: "Let me pass, my lad, I have an important matter on hand" and, before the dumbfounded Red Army man could even look back, she was already in the room where sat the doctor and the other persons of the conscription commission whom she scolded for not accepting her grandson into the Red Army.

"You are quick at sending people home. Look, my head is quite grey. I can already no longer work. Now, how am I going to look people in the face? Do you mean to tell me that my grandson is worse than others? All people are alike. Accept him into the Red Army. An old woman asks this of you."

On that very same day, when thousands of young citizens of the Soviet Union proudly gazed into the future—they were Red Army men now—on that day there was not a happier person in the whole USSR than Albert Tibba. You are already acquainted with him, dear reader. He is the combine driver of the Bashkir Republic who started his speech in the hall of the Kremlin palace with the words: "I am the son of a kulak," and who left this hall with the Order of Lenin on his chest.

I cannot help remembering my first visit to the USSR. The country was preparing for the big struggles of the First Five-Year Plan. Millions of people entered the offensive, smashing the rotten degrading plans of work, introducing Socialist competition, and getting rid of those in their path who, taking fright at the tempos started by the Party and taken up by the country, snivelled in the face of difficulties, afraid to undertake the steep climb. I remember the words which were met with scorn and branded as treachery: "Don't touch the kulak. Let him peacefully grow into Socialism together with you and the grandson of the kulak will thank you for this." The person who pronounced these words is today dead politically: the Central Committee has expelled Bukharin from the Party and today, the millions of people who overcome the difficult climb have turned away from him in scorn and indignation. And the son of a kulak who came to the conscription station with the Order of Lenin pinned on his chest, left it a Red Armyman. This is called—the present day in the USSR.

The Red Woman

By Kenneth Patchen

Man has loved an image whose core is hard
And bright as rifle's fire: across
outposts.
Of memory, post-war decay and
fact of coming war-hysteria's
hand
Over the eyes of young men—
we see

High feminine anger
Born in forests of our love.
Here the clean center in Time's
determination.
Where fall these million skulls
in breaking ground of vast lovely
flats
And history is stamped with the
woman's image, tall as
Thank You's from a beggar's lips
And as meaningfully walking
Down all the corridors of the
mind.
There is the fire of love for a
man to love.
Comrades, tomorrow is too late.

Watch the massive body stir
Horizon's nearness, coming on
In the Kremlin lamps of her
eyes.

In the iron advance of arms
Like crowds of working men
Exploring bellies of the rich
with thunder of planning
And the lightning beauty of
Revolution.
Grinding out of day's agony
A vast and teeming star.
Comrades, the Red Woman!
She is dream's image made real.
She is the timeless bride of all
our loving.

I give you dawn on the face of
the earth.

On the huge prone wonder of
the earth.

(From "Before the Brave" by
Kenneth Patchen; Random
House.)

Dots & Dashes

Martha M. Elliot, child expert of the Dept. of Labor, will discuss "The Effects of the Family Income on the Development of Children" before the National Congress of Parents and Teachers. The speech will be broadcast over Station WJZ at 4 P.M.

TALKS
1:15-WABC-Senate Judiciary Committee Hearing Report
2:30-WABC-Questions Before Congress
4:00-WJZ-Martha M. Elliot: "The Effect of the Family Income on Children"
4:00-WJZ-Our American Schools
4:30-WABC-Sports Resume—Paul Douglas
7:15-WJZ-What It Means to Be First Lady—Mrs. Roosevelt
10:00-WOR—Col. William H. Kelly, Collector of Internal Revenue
11:00-WABC-Benny Goodman's Orch.

10:45-WABC—National Rivers and Harbors—Rep. Jack Nichols of Ohio.

CLASSICAL MUSIC
1:45-WJZ—Cleveland Symphony Orch.
4:00-WABC—Curtis Institute Musicals
4:15-WJZ—Folk Songs Sung by Huddie Ledbetter
7:30-WJZ—Instrumental Solo
8:00-WABC—Symphonic Suite Concert: Alfred Wallenstein, Director
9:00-WJZ—NBC Orchestra, Frank Black, Conductor
WABC—Lily Pons, Soprano
10:30-WOR—Arto the Abolys, Tenor; Concert Orchestra
COMEDY, DRAMA, EDUCATIONAL
5:15-WABC—American School of the Air: Subject: Geography
5:30-WJZ—Singing Lady
7:30-WOR—Lois Ranger
7:45-WJZ—"Slaves of the Skillet"
8:00-WJZ—One Man's Family—Beatrice Lillie
8:30-WJZ—Play, with Helen Menken
9:00-WABC—Red Allen, Comedian
9:30-WABC—Opera: Vagabond King—Jesse Dragonette
11:00-WABC—Benny Goodman's Orch.

A Lawyer Analyzes Trotzkyites' Trial

580-Page Verbatim Report of Proceedings Against Indicted Anti-Soviet Conspirators and Wreckers Should Be Required Reading for Doubters, Says Schwab

By Irving Schwab
(Noted Labor Attorney)

To those honest and confused people who still have lingering doubts as to the fairness of the trial and justness of the verdict in the recent cases of the indicted anti-Soviet Trotzkyites, I recommend that they read the Verbatim Report of the trial, recently published by the People's Commissariat of Justice of the U.S.S.R. To the vain-hearted, poring through 580 pages of testimony may appear to be an awe-inspiring task, but many of these "shocked" individuals who have lent their names to the Committee in Defense of Leon Trotzky on the basis of fair play forfeit their right to speak as non-partisans, if they fail to read this book. It should be required reading for every member of the Committee, and the other doubting people. In order to make sure that they read the book, a special fund should be raised for supplying free copies.

In spite of the complete press coverage of the trial, it is obvious that the few hundred words of the daily news wire, could only present a few of the highlights, at best an inadequate picture.

The writer, from the beginning, was fully satisfied that the defendants had a fair trial, and that the evidence fully justified the verdict. The report of the trials supplies the whole picture, and should convince any person interested in truth. Contrary to the oft-repeated impressions, the trial was not a short, snappy affair. The trial began on the morning of January 23rd, and ended on January 30th at 3 a.m., with daily sessions open to the public and press, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., and 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., eight-hour daily sessions which are much longer than the daily sessions in the courts of our country.

The indictment which had been given to the defendants prior to the trial consumes 15 fully printed pages of the report and charges the crimes with the greatest detail, enumerating the particular acts of each defendant. This is in sharp contrast with the three-line indictments in the Scottsboro cases, or any typical murder case in New York, or the one-page indictment in the Herndon case for inciting to insurrection, or the indictment in the thousands of criminal syndicalist cases throughout the country.

Evidence Supports Indictments

The indictment charges in detail, and the evidence supports, the defendants either committed or directed the commission of acts of wrecking, diversion, espionage and terrorism. For example, the defendant, Y. N. Drobinskii admitted responsibility for the explosion at the Tsentralnaya Pit, which resulted in the killing of ten miners and of seriously injuring fourteen others. The defendant, S. A. Rastvorov, G. E. Pushkin and I. Y. Hrasche admitted responsibility for two explosions, resulting in the loss of human life at the Gorlovka Nitrogen Fertilizer Works on April 7, 1934, and on November 11, 1935. The defendant, Y. A. Livshits, Y. D. Turok, I. A. Knyazev and M. S. Boguslavskii admitted responsibility for a series of railroad wrecking jobs under the guidance of Y. L. Pyatkov, particularly directed against troop movements, one of which railroad accidents resulted in the killing of twenty-nine at the Schumikh station on October 27, 1935, all Red Army men, and seriously injuring twenty-nine others.

The defendants I. A. Knyazev, S. A. Rastvorov, G. E. Pushkin and I. Y. Hrasche admitted acting as spies for the Japanese Intelligence Division and the German Intelligence Division regarding the technical condition of Soviet railways, preparedness in mobilization and transport of troops, and secret information of operations of chemical and other industrial units. The assassination of Kirov was definitely linked up to the defendants' conspiracy. Two attempts on the life of Molotov were admitted by the defendants V. V. Arnold and A. A. Shestov.

In addition to the admissions of the defendants, all of the acts of wrecking and diversion, as to malicious cause, were substantiated by several experts, who testified from personal investigation hypothetical questions. The manner of introducing expert testimony in the Soviet Union is indicated in this case as a refreshing contrast to the abject use of expert testimony in the American courts.

In addition to the specific acts of wrecking, diversion, espionage, assassinations and attempts of assassinations, the defendants were charged in the indictment as follows: "The main task which the parallel center set itself was the forcible overthrow of the Soviet government with the object of changing the social and state system existing in the U.S.S.R. L. D. Trotzky, and on his instruction the parallel Trotzky center, aimed at seizing power with the aid of foreign states with the object of restoring capitalist social relations in the U.S.S.R."

The verdict of the court sentenced 12 of the defendants to death. Every one of those receiving the death penalty was guilty of actual acts of wrecking, terrorism, espionage or of active direction of these plots. The other four, Sokolnikov, Radek, Arnold and Strollov were found guilty, because of criminal responsibility for the organization of the parallel center, but because there was no proof of direct participation in the organization and execution of the acts, these defendants were given jail sentences varying from eight to ten years.

Never in any American criminal trial, except perhaps the cases of bankers and government officials, have I witnessed or heard of a more solicited and impartial attitude towards defendants. It would be impossible for any defendant to secure as fair a trial in any American court, as was given here.

As I stated at the beginning, the verbatim report of the trial is the best answer to the Trotzkyite slanderers, who are seeking to use this trial as an opportunity to disrupt and hinder the growing progressive labor movement in America.

'DEAD END' CUTS

For the first time in Broadway's memory, a dramatic hit is cutting its prices in half.

Norman Bel Geddes has announced that the prices for the production of "Dead End," by Sidney Kingsley, at the Belasco Theatre, will be cut in half, commencing Monday, April 19th. The entire orchestra will be \$1.50, the entire first balcony \$1.00, and the entire second balcony, 50 cents. These prices will prevail throughout the summer.

CONCERT

BENEFIT CONCERT

Non-Sectarian Anti-Nazi League To Champion Human Rights, Inc. CARNegie HALL, APRIL 27, 8:45 P.M.

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QUINTO MAGANINI, Conductor
Lopold GODOWSKY
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Kenneth Roberts, who is a real life radio announcer, plays a similar role in "Hit Your Wagon" at the 48th St. Theatre.

One-Man Revolution



A delightful scene in "You Can't Take It With You" at the Booth Theatre, in which "Grandpa" Henry Travers simply refuses to pay his income tax to Hugh Rennie (on right) while Josephine Hull looks on approvingly.

Two Important Periodicals In the Amusement Field

"New Theatre and Film" Has Many Features—"One-Act Play Magazine" Makes Its Bow—Radio Slanders

By CHARLES E. DEXTER

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED in the theatre or motion pictures, you cannot afford to miss the current April issue of New Theatre and Film Magazine. It is an exceptionally interesting number, with much valuable information about the theatre and even more real entertainment.

If you ask me, I'll say that I liked best Viola Brothers Shore's piece about censorship. Miss Shore has the reputation of being the most outspoken writer in Hollywood and she lives up to her part in this delightful piece, entitled "You Can't Say That."

Walter Fell's exposé of the WPA is a ladder for WPA cattle and by that I mean you'll be able to tell the bull from the golden calf, if you are on the WPA payroll, after you have read "Which Way Federal Theatre?" with all its inside stuff.

Then there's Morris Watson's wonderful article about how he staged a Living Newspaper show in Flint about the strike, during the strike, with strikers for actors. His "Sitdown Theatre" lifts the lid from the future of the workers' theatre and MUST be read.

And there's much more, the best of which is a fine analysis of news-reels. And the regular features.

THE ONE-ACT PLAY occupies an important place in the revolutionary theatre, chiefly because it's easier for workers' groups to put on a one-act than a full-length piece. For that reason, the One-Act Play Magazine, edited by William Kozlenko, is an important addition to the literature of the theatre. The new periodical sells for fifty cents and contains four full one-act plays. Best of those in the current issue is "The Brave and the Blind," which was produced by the Rebel Arts Players last month.

Ken Murray got off to a bad start in his Campbell Soup program. Murray took the place of Burns and Allen and proceeded to work from a script which included a burlesque of an accented Communist who lives up to all the dreams of the fascists by bringing

bombs and revolutions into every speech.

Radio is overburdened with carefully written scripts. More than one piece of comedy is plain dumb. Murray's bit about a hitch-hiking Communist may or may not have been of his own creation. Let's blame the soap manufacturers and, meantime, keep a watch on his program for future offenses.

Associated Film Audiences is doing a lot to keep lively, slanderous, anti-working class propaganda off the screen. The radio needs similar attention. The news commentators are, almost to a man, so reactionary that they constitute a real menace to political truth. H. V. Kaltenborn, Lowell Thomas and Boske Carter have vied with one another during the recent week in distorting the facts about sit-down strikes, the Wagner law and the war in Spain.

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Cold Chills And Creeps

Ann Harding Trembles Before Basil Rathbone In Horror Film

By Jack Young

Eerie sounds rend the air of the Rivoli, where Ann Harding is battling it out with a wild-eyed, wicked and wacky adventurer, in "Love From a Stranger." It takes a long time to get started and misses fire sometimes, but if you like your terror with an odd twist this film has it.

Trafalgar Films have put all they had into this one, including the able direction of Rowland V. Lee, but the quiet, unhurried atmosphere of London must have slowed the latter down. Building up for the grand finish with so little speed allows the audience a trifle too much time to get ahead of the action. When, however, the dramatic moment arrives it does come off, and with a bang.

Ann Harding runs off to Paris with Basil Rathbone when she wins a lottery, and her boy friend, Bruce Seton, gets too finicky about using her money. Basil is not so crude. He shows her the sights, marries her and then comes the horror. They retire to a nice country place without a neighbor in sight and Basil gets to work. Without too much stress on the gruesome instruments of his trade he prepares you for the climax which with Ann Harding's help he makes as plausible as any melodrama you ever saw.

MOTION PICTURES

Starting Tomorrow—KATHARINE HEPBURN, FRANCHOT TONE
"QUALITY STREET"
And FERNANDO GRAVET—JOAN RUSSELL
"King and the Chorus Girl"
ACADEMY OF MUSIC—14th ST.

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Y.C.L. Quips and Squibs

By PHIL SCHATZ

LOOK to your laurels Harrison George, Harry Gannes and Sy Gerson. From now on you've got youth competition... twice a week! Every Tuesday and Friday, YCLers will find this column of chatter staring them in the face...

Suggestion for May 9th (Mother's Day)

"Born in this world that is not as we willed,
Sincerely we promise to work to build,
A world, as you, Dear Mother, would want it to be,
A world in which all are equal and free!
A world in which hunger and poverty cease,
A world that is graced with perpetual peace."

This is the text for a YCL Mother's Day card suggested by Harry Shohan, YCL Brighton Beach Branch. A contest for the best Mother's Day card has been started by the YCL Writers Conference. The best one selected will be printed and sent out to all branches. Ten days left.

Gilbert and Sullivan Duet to Sell Champions

Julie London, "the subway singer,"—that's what he's called in his local YCL Flatbush Branch. "We gotta sell the Champion of Youth," he says. So home he goes, sets himself down, composes an operetta, and then pronto, yodels it while selling that all-youth magazine, Champion of Youth, in the subway labyrinth.

American Youth Acts—Marries

Milt Wolman, Financial Secretary of Westchester County, YCL, went to Washington, D. C. last March to help pressure the American Youth Act. Eying a tall, willowy, brunette, Milton sighed, "I like her!" Forthwith putting theory into practice, Milton introduced himself to the object of his heart flutters. Result: Milton is now married to vivacious YCL'er, Doty Powers, and the California district is minus one member of the Young Communist League...

Attention

Joe Taylor insists that the Y.C.L. Harlem Division will have the outstanding youth section in New York's giant May Day parade, what with the aid of a former member of the National Guard training May Day marchers in the A.B.C.'s of "marching" in the best workers style...

The Y.C.L. contingent in the May Day parade promises to be spectacular. A host of youths of both sexes will supply the motive power for bicycle brigades, roller skating, etc. Uniformed basketball and baseball teams will be sporting their new outfits—but why tell all now?

Y.C.L. Local Squibs

Bob Miner... (no, not a relative of our inimitable Fighting Bob)... This minor Bob Miner has a winning fighter's manner... He's winning all the youth organizations of the Bronx to the American Youth Congress idea...

Y.C.L.'er Bob Whitney reckons his pedigree way back to ye good bark Mayflower... A great scout... President of the John Brown Branch Y.C.L. Bob is seeing to it that the Negro youth of the Morris neighborhood know the Who, What, When and Why of the Young Communist League in his neighborhood...

Jacob Davis, newly elected Y.C.L. Sports Director of Upper Harlem, didn't take him long to start baseball and boxing activities populating...

Steve Endel, Y.C.L. Radio Branch... Organized two shops via C.I.O. fashion, and then aided, thru the Y.C.L. in concluding two successful strikes...

Phyllis Kohl... Youthful educational director of the Y.C.L. Yorkville Branch thrives on the eternal triangle of a job, school and Y.C.L. Branch meetings... A real unsung heroine who's going places... Leo Mantalito... Has his Y.C.L. foot in every shop and social club in Ridgewood... One of the most popular, up and coming young politicians of his community...

Report has it there's a La Palomaria in the Y.C.L. Sheephead Bay Branch... Angilina Lee Fiorentino... Only four months in the League has already taken part in four times that many activities... Ran a spaghetti party (with real yard long Italian spaghetti) to raise funds for Spain... Started publication of Y.C.L. "Ray Pilot," in Branch one month after joining... No Bulletin or Magazine had been rolled out in many a moon (since 1932 to be exact)... A Lenin ribbon to you Angilina...

Y.C.L. Convention Publicity Committee Reveals

Sacco-Vanzetti Branch, is host to a delegate from Houston, Texas coming to New York to attend the forthcoming National Convention of the League to open in Madison Square Garden on May 2... Have planned a whirl of activity to entertain their comrade from Texas... A grand turnout at the station to welcome the delegate... followed by a dinner, and then he will be whisked straight to the Branch meeting which will be "rather festive"... Trips to Broadway, to a play, to the Savoy Ball Room ("which is as near a night club as we can afford"), tour of the R.K.O. building, then the roof of the Empire State, followed by dinner in Chinatown and then a movie at Radio City... Short tours scheduled for the Texas Traveler include, the Worker's School, Worker's Bookshop, Union Square, County headquarters, a Fifth Avenue Bus ride to the George Washington bridge; a visit to the Statue of Liberty, etc... Wish I were an out of town, coming to the Convention!

Labor Leaps into Baseball Action

The diamond season has officially begun. Batter Up... the old familiar battle cry which ushers in a new diamond year now takes on a new meaning.

Labor Baseball is also saying Batter Up. The old union teams and labor groups playing baseball here and there, now and then, against a handful of spectators as the background with no end but the exercise as the result, now labor possibility is that of a nationwide Labor Baseball Federation stretching from Frisco to New York.

Cleveland started the ball rolling or rather toed the slab first. At their last Labor Sport League conference, attended by the biggest and most prominent trade unions and working class organizations in the Lake City, the motion was proposed and adopted to establish in Cleveland a permanent Labor Baseball League. This baseball league would cooperate and act in conjunction with the many amateur ball teams in that city and would be the forerunner of many such leagues the country.

The movement was not merely adopted but enthusiastically approved. Basketball which labor had taken to its collective bosom so successfully last year proved convincingly that the fans like labor sports and will support it. What

better plan than to give the workers a real American sport... the daddy of them all, Baseball. And make it a real worker's sport, workers playing in big leagues and workers watching and supporting their play.

New York which has taken second place to the Ohioan metropolis in the labor sport movement is anxious to regain its leadership. It has the forces and it has the support. It needs coordination. The first signs that the Gotham is going to put over such a league is unprecedented style is in the making. The I.W.O., one of the big instrumental factors in the building of a mighty labor sports program in this country is leading the van. The Furriers Union and other large unions are not far behind. The International Ladies Garment Workers Union with more than fifteen teams in New York City, New Jersey and Connecticut has its own baseball league. This league can show the way to a large, unified major trade union and labor baseball league.

Batter Up! In Cleveland it's a smashing drive that looks like a home run. In New York labor is coming to bat determined to make good in a big way in the big-time. C'mon you Gels'ers, Hubbells, Ottas, Fellers and Dixy Deans (of Labor)...

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Bang -- Goes Another Baseball Season

Can Hank Come Back?

(By a Daily Worker Sports Writer)

DETROIT, April 20.—When rangy Hank Greenberg, king of the American League sluggers in 1935 but a washout last year with a bum wrist, stepped up at bat at Navin Field here this afternoon, a foreboding question popped in the minds of the fans in the far reaches of the field:

"Can the Big Boy from the Bronx come back?"

The husky Tiger first bagger had to answer that question similarly eight years ago on a Bronx athletic field but he answered it with a piskin then.

He was Hank "Brugy" Greenberg, James Monroe High School five-letter man, then and he answered "Yes" with a bang in a football game with Morris High at Catholic Protective Field that Fall.

"Brugy," who was a star at basketball, baseball, soccer, and track, tried his hand at football his last year in high school and was hurt in his first game.

It was in the Morris game that he came back and it was a strong Morris eleven that he faced. But he made good in his comeback. He scored the lone touchdowns on a long run.

Today — as thousands watched in the flag-bedecked field—"Hank" faced a harder job. The Tigers aren't the world champions they were in 1935 and a big load has been piled on Greenberg's broad shoulders.

He came into training camp this spring with a \$1,000 guarantee only until he could show Owner Walter Briggs—who incidentally also owns the Briggs Manufacturing Co., scene of a number of strikes in the past year—that he had the stuff.

Husky Hank showed he still could take good care of the initial sack, and Briggs put his name on the dotted line for a much higher stipend than that one grand.

In his last few training games the first sacker has been swatting the ball over the lot with home runs not barred. Fans in this big union town—once Open Shop Center of America—hope Greenberg can come back the ways the auto workers did at Flint in the General Motors strike.

It's up to the big city lad who made good in Detroit to answer the question:

"Can the Big Boy from the Bronx Come Back?"

New Zealand Heavy Gets Big Chance

Maurice Strickland, the New Zealand heavyweight and a British subject, is in high glee with the prospect now of soon getting a match which will involve the championship of the Empire. Much depends on his fight with Nathan Mann, the Connecticut farmer, which will be the feature event at the New York Hippodrome tonight.

England is watching the outcome of this battle of ten rounds and if Maurice wins, English promoters will make him an offer to return to England and engage in a championship bout there some time during the summer, after present contracts with other fighters are fulfilled.

The turn of affairs has added a zest to the man from "Down Under" to such a degree that he will exert every effort to upset the calculations of the bettors and beat the Hamden, Conn., farmer boy.



Play Ball, Y.C.L.!

And talking about playing ball, watch the Young Communist League lead the youth of America on the road to a real athletic program.

An extensive punchball and stick ball tournament will be announced soon to include teams of all caliber, age and class, male and female. This will follow on the heels of the first winter season of sports for the Y.C.L., during which tournaments trips to Boston and the emergence of youth teams in various parts of the country gave eloquent tribute to the militant youth of the country.

Sports in the Soviet Union:

More and More Workers Join in Sports in U.S.S.R.

Trying to keep pace with the sports activities in the Soviet Union is a well-nigh hopeless task. Each week finds the program more varied with thousands more Soviet men and women joining the athletic competition that forms a solid chain of events from one end of the country to the other.

During the past winter season of 1936-37 the tremendous success of the Soviet sport teams and individual record-breakers has made it take a special place in the history of Soviet sport. In skating, swimming, weight-lifting, Soviet Sportmen helped themselves to 69 new Union records, six of which (in weight lifting) broke the official world's records as recognized by the capitalist nations.

The Soviet Union holds 33 world records not including flying and parachute sport. Out of the 35 world records in weight-lifting the workers' fatherland holds fourteen.

Hockey boomed into Soviet sports last winter and quickly became one of the favored athletic events among the people. Thirty cities were represented in the 48 men's teams and 16 women's teams competing for the first time in the U.S.S.R. Cup tournament. The game is rapidly catching on and next year will find Canadian technique and rules featuring all of the Soviet hockey contests.

In one of the great sports events of the year, the All-Union athletic contests of school boys and girls held on March 26 in the new Hall of the Stalin State Sports Institute in Moscow, 400 young sportsmen representing 23 cities, including Moscow, Leningrad, Kiev, Tif-

PEDRO VS BARNEY?

The next step in the climb up of the fistic ladder for Pedro Montañez looks like a fight with welter champ Barney Ross in Puerto Rico. Pedro is anxious to fight before working class friends back home, and is willing to taken on anyone.

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Congressman Raymond J. Cannon of Wisconsin is in the forefront of the fight against the wage slave system of baseball.

Union Talk New To Major Baseball

Congressman Cannon Started Something—Red Ruffing Still Holding Out—Hubbell Still the Greatest Twirler

A new season is under way. Fans flock to the games in the same numbers. Baseball is still America's National Pastime. But there are a few new wrinkles this season. For the first time there is serious talk of unionization in baseball. The halls of Congress heard the story of the amazing wage slave contract system in vogue in the business of professional baseball.

Sizing Up the Chicago Sox

Young Pitchers May Surprise League Again

Chicago White Sox—last year's biggest surprise team counting on further improvement under dynamic leadership of Jimmy Dykes. On paper they're not so much but on the field they're tough. "I think our chances are brighter than last year," says Dykes. "You'll be hearing plenty from us."

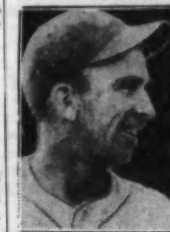
Changes—new pitching talent and additional outfield strength.

Probable lineup—Sewell, Renshaw, Shea, C; Bonura, 1B; Hayes, 2B; Appling, SS; Dykes, 3B; Radcliff, LF; Rosenthal, CF; Walker or Haas, RF. Pitchers: Kennedy, Lyons, Whitehead, Stratton, Cain, Lee, Chelini, Rigney, Dietrich. In-field reserves: Piet, Mesner. Out-field reserves: Steinbacher, Kreevich.

Best newcomers—Stratton, Rigney, Steinbacher; best hitters—Appling, Bonura, Radcliff. Weak spots—question whether 38-year-old Dykes holds up at third; catching staff old; outfield has too many left-handed hitters and lacks all-around punch.

Strong points—Appling, American League batting champion; potentially strong pitching staff; Dykes' ability get best out of players.

Position last year—third; won 81; lost 70; pct. 53.64.



Carl Hubbell

hub wheel of the Yankee pitching staff, thought he was worth \$16,000 to the wealthy club he pitched to big pennant and world's series money last year. Colonel Jake Ruppert thought otherwise, so Red is languishing on the sidelines at the season starts. If it weren't for the ridiculous conditions imposed on the players, Ruffing could easily sell his services to any of the other fifteen major league teams, who would be glad to get a pitcher of his caliber for \$16,000.

As for the pennant races, there seems to be some reason to doubt that the Yanks and Giants will repeat.

The champions' pitching is apt to be wobbly with Ruffing gone and Gomez still erratic.

The Giants still have Hubbell, who will probably rate the top pitcher of the year again after some of the fuss about young Feller of Cleveland dies down. But they have too many weak spots to hold off teams like the Cubs and Cards.

Good Man Gone Wrong--A Baseball Writer Picks 'Em

By Henry McLeMORE

Figuring that all work and no plagiarism would make Jack (that's the name of the fellow who does most of my work for me) a dull boy, I told him not to try and figure

common—a happy choice, I thought, in view of the fact that we had stolen our information. We spread out the clippings and a picnic lunch and were busily digesting both when a policeman came along and asked us what we were doing. I explained, and he asked me where I planned to place the Boston Bee.

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"No worse than fourth place," I answered, hoping to please him so that he would not molest us.

"You're putting the Bees fourth?" he said.

"That's right," I answered, "and I may see my way clear to lift them to third place."

"Well, come along with me," he said. "I thought you were looney when I saw you sitting over here playing with those paper dolls. Now I know you are. Say, those Bees couldn't finish third in a two-team league."

So I am finishing this piece in a station wagon, and I don't mean the kind week-end guests at country homes are met in. This is a police station wagon. But I am going to make my choices and throw them out in the hope that someone will pick them up.

In the American the finish will be in this order: Washington, Detroit, New York, Cleveland, Chicago, Boston, St. Louis, Philadelphia. And in the National, dog days will find the following alignment: Pittsburgh, New York, St. Louis, Chicago, Cincinnati, Brooklyn, Boston, Philadelphia.

And if I'm wrong I promise not to select any more baseball standings until next year.

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